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## From Our Grand President.

November 1, 1900.

To the Brotherhood:

Since my last month's report I have had occasion to visit the New England States and the East. Starting with New York City, I find Locals 3 and 20 in as good shape as could be expected. No. 20 is in very good shape and doing well. No. 3 has had a tough time of it. Having had a strike last summer and not succeeding in that as they would like to have done, they very naturally would lose more or less of their membership. They still feel the effects of the fight, but are doing well and, if given time, will ere many months regain their lost footing and be in a position to control the situation in Greater New York. No one who has not been on the spot and studied the situation can have any correct idea of the hard fight No. 3 was in the past summer. So hard and bitter was the fight that both the local and the Contractors' Association came near being things of the past, but No. 3 has rallied and is still doing business.

From New York I visited Local 7, Springfield; 11, Waterbury; 37, Hartford; 95, Worcester; 101, Brockton; 103 and 104, Boston. I also visited for a few hours some of the brothers of No. 94, Holyoke, and No. 146, Bridgeport. Had an engagement at Lowell with No. 46, but, owing to some misunderstanding, was compelled to break the engagement.

The situation throughout the N. E. States is very satisfactory with the exception of Boston. True, there is room, and plenty of it, for organization and improvement, but the locals are taking hold of things in proper shape and if they continue as they have started there is no doubt but

the N. E. States will soon be thoroughly organized. The various locals have formed what is known as the New England States Conference, and it was that which called me to the N. E. States and to Springfield, Mass. Meetings are held in different cities once every three months, and delegates are sent from the different locals all through the states. A conference is held, the situation discussed and plans laid for the building up of the I. B. E. W. and for the improvement of the condition of the electrical workers. Every local, both inside and outside men, is represented, and by an interchange of ideas and opinions and by hearing reports from all sections of the country, they will be able to know just where they are at and will no doubt be able to accomplish much within the next year. Just now they are agitating the eight-hour day problem and are making an effort to establish it. The wages throughout the N. E. States compare favorably with other sections except in Boston, where the wages of the inside men are not what they should be. The linemen of Boston appear to be able to work out their own salvation and I am not worrying over them, but there is in Boston an organization known as the Association of Electrical workers, about 130 strong, while No. 103 is much smaller. I went to Boston to try to bring about an amalgamation between the two unions, No. 103 and the association men, as I believe it would strengthen us to a considerable extent. While I did not complete the job and get the association men in line at this time, I have every reason to believe I will succeed in the near future. It will no doubt take time and patience, but in the end we will succeed and when that is accomplished we may hope for a better organization in Boston. No. 103 has had an uphill row and

has not had the best of a show, but I have every reason to be encouraged and place my hopes on the future of a Greater Boston.

There is good reason why we should not have an organization in Boston that will compare with that of Philadelphia, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and many other cities I might mention. Now that we are assured of four years more of prosperity, there is no reason why we should not organize, not only in the N. E. States, but in the East, West, North and South. With the larger cities and towns thoroughly organized, the I. B. E. W. would be a power none would care to go up against. We have to work out our own salvation and the only way to do this is to stand together like a stone wall. Let each and every man do his duty.

Fraternally,

THOS. WHEELER.

## ONE WAY TO PREVENT STRIKES.

The strike and how to prevent it has puzzled the minds of the greatest scholars of the age. Many have been the ideas advanced, but in every instance partiality was shown to capital. A practical way of preventing strikes would be to first pay a just proportion of the money earned to the producers and substitute the law of kindness instead of greed. Treat the employee as if he were flesh and blood, the same as you are. If they get hurt while in your employ remember that they have been deprived of all means of livelihood, and that his family gets hungry the same as yours. Remember that medicines have to be bought and doctors' bills paid. In other words, do unto your employees as you would have them do unto you. See that they are not neglected in the hour of distress, and your coffers will not fall short if good work

and a faithful discharge of duty can keep them full. By kind treatment much can be accomplished, but when greed and self interest assert themselves trouble will follow. To give assurance to the working-man that his services are appreciated and that he will be respected as one of God's creatures is the best preventative we know of for strikes.—Exchange.

### INJURING THE UNION.

Some of the Means by Which This nefarious End is Attained.

There are several ways to injure a labor organization, and perhaps the most harm is done by members.

There is the man who is more interested in carrying favor with some politician or other boss than he is in the advancement of the union, according to the Union Record. He keeps his master informed of all that is going on, and they both do all they can, on the street and in the meeting, to cast odium upon union officials and union men, in order to defeat the aims of the workmen and discredit the organization. He is a despicable hypocrite.

There is a man who is always endeavoring to trick the union into some action which will be to his own or his party's temporary advantage. He is always using sly methods and circulating dirty insinuations about better men than himself, and is the embodiment of jealousy and egotism.

There is the man who is looking for a place to economize expenses, and innocent of the harm that may result he will even propose to withdraw from affiliation with all other labor bodies, in order that he may cut down his monthly dues and save himself a few cents per capita tax. Although he may be enjoying a regular salary and perhaps have other sources of income, he is not able to contribute a cent to the support of an institution which keeps up his wages, shortens his hours of labor, and enables him to retain his situation, and takes no interest in the labor paper which is fighting his battles. Sometimes he honestly imagines that his little union is able to stand alone and win out without the assistance of others. That is where he lacks education and information, and acting upon his own knowledge, he is more than likely to do untold mischief, if he can induce others to accept his ideas.

Then there are others who will do nothing. Part of the time they attend the meetings, but when they do they have nothing to say but perhaps to second some harmful proposition in order to get it out of the way so that the union may adjourn without doing any good, and they may use this as an excuse for not attending regularly.

The remedy for the evils which these people perpetrate is for the uninformed member to attend all the meetings of his

union and insist on a full discussion of every proposition which comes up, and not allow the hurry up fellows to adjourn until all matters have had a hearing. If it is shown that a proposition is not likely to result in good to the cause, sit down on it by voice and vote, and never vote for a suspicious measure just because its adoption has been moved.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Denver, Colo., July 20, 1900.

To Affiliated Organizations:

Greeting: There are 7,000 cigarmakers in New York City who are on strike and locked out for the past nineteen weeks, and their ranks are unbroken and their spirit undaunted. The policy of the manufacturers is that unless the cigarmakers who struck in one factory return to work, under the old low wages and burdensome conditions, the remainder of the factories will remain closed. This the cigarmakers have determined not to do.

The Cigarmakers' International Union has expended nigh upon one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) upon this contest, and has appealed to the American Federation of Labor for financial assistance in accordance with Article 10, of the Constitution of the A. F. of L. The application was given serious consideration, and the following resolution adopted:

Whereas, The struggle of the cigarmakers of New York City in their pending lock-out has enlisted the active sympathy and support of the organized labor of the country, and the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has already sent out an appeal in their behalf for voluntary contributions, and we are informed that from said appeal funds are now coming to the cigarmakers to support the locked-out men and women, and their families, and believing that the immediate transmission of a large amount would be of the greatest possible benefit to the cigarmakers, and the entire labor movement, therefore,

Resolved, That an assessment of two cents per member be and is hereby declared upon all organizations affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, in accord with the Constitution. The Executive Council requests that the assessment be paid by all affiliated unions at the earliest possible moment.

Your organization is therefore requested to forward two cents for each member under your jurisdiction to Frank Morrison, 423-425 G street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Although the term allowed for the transmission of this two cent assessment is sixty days, it is urgently requested that you do not avail yourself of this time limit, but transmit it promptly. A prompt compliance will no doubt bring victory, not only to the striking and locked-out cigarmakers

of New York, but to the entire labor movement, and be greatly appreciated by,

Yours fraternally,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE  
AMER. FEDERATION OF LABOR.

SAMUEL GOMPERS, President.

Attest:

FRANK MORRISON, Secretary.

### ARTICLE 10, CONSTITUTION.

Section 1. The Executive Council shall have power to declare a levy of one cent per member per week on all affiliated unions for a period not exceeding ten weeks in any one year, to assist in the support of an affiliated organization engaged in a protracted strike or lock-out.

Section 2. Any union, International, National, or Local, failing to pay, within 60 days, the levies declared in accordance with Section 1, shall be deprived of representation in convention of the American Federation of Labor, and in city central bodies affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

### Electricity Cuts Down a Bridge.

Electricity, says an exchange, solved a problem that has puzzled the owner of a toll bridge over the Wabash river at Clinton, Ind. The bridge had been purchased by the county, with the intention of erecting a modern steel bridge. The owner was given thirty days in which to remove the old one.

The short time was the difficulty. From one bridge and house wrecker to another the owner went, trying to find some one to pull the bridge down in thirty days without injury to the piers. All declared the thing impossible.

He could blow up the structure with dynamite, but the explosion would destroy the piers also. If he set the bridge on fire the heat would crack and injure the masonry. The thirty days expired, and an extension of one week was granted.

The owner was at his wits' end, but at this juncture an electrician of Clinton proposed to use electricity, not to blow up the bridge, but to burn it apart. His proposal was gladly accepted.

Each span of the bridge was composed of nine chords of three timbers each. It was proposed to cut the twenty-seven sills simultaneously, so that the span would drop between the piers into the river.

The attempt was made. Fifty-four resistance loops were heated to wreck each span, and the spans were wrecked one at a time. Sufficient current was used to heat the iron wires cherry red. The result was exactly the same with every span. Between the turning on of the current and the fall of the span an hour and forty minutes elapsed. Then the mass of timbers fell into the water's well inside the piers, so that they were uninjured.—Exchange.

## From "Old Crip."

Denton, Tex., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is again time to send in a word to our journal and let the brothers know that I am still on earth. The summer months have gone and the cold winds from the North remind me that winter is near, and cause me to wonder "where are my summer's wages?"

Well, I must say that a good number of the brothers have bought copies of my new book and helped me along considerably, although I have sent books to a good many whom I have not yet heard from. I am sure I will have some word from them soon.

I am very proud to have so many compliments on my little book from so many different members. I am still taking my treatment and as determined to recover as ever. It will be five years the 20th of this month since I moved a muscle below my shoulders, but I am just as game as ever.

I was very agreeably surprised last Monday to have three of the brothers of Local 15, Jersey City, N. J., call in to see me as they passed through Denton en route from Jersey City to Dallas, Tex. They were Bros. Harry Mandeville, Pete Sorenson and George Roehrs. They only remained an hour or two and departed for Dallas. I hope the boys of Local 69 will welcome them in their midst. They are surely O. K.; for each one had the little rectangular slip of green cardboard that puts the seal of fellowship on all good liners. Bro. Roehrs gave me a dollar and I gave each of the brothes a copy of my new book, entitled "An Ex-Millionaire Electrical Worker, or Living Over-Time," and I wish every fixer could have a copy of it. I tried to persuade the brothers to remain a day with me, but they said they had not the time. I hope to see them again some day. Below I give a table of the amount paid me for books since my report in October:

L. U. 114, per Bro. Jas. A. Neal . . .	\$ 2 50
" 122 . . . . .	2 50
" 34 . . . . .	2 00
" 80 . . . . .	1 25
" 48 . . . . .	75
" 39 . . . . .	9 75
" 63 . . . . .	2 50
" 55 . . . . .	6 25
" 22 . . . . .	3 00
" 75 . . . . .	2 50
" 30 . . . . .	1 00
" 77 . . . . .	3 00
" 70 . . . . .	1 25
" 91, from Bro. Geo. VanBilliard . . .	25
" 83 . . . . .	1 50
" 135 . . . . .	2 25
" 79 . . . . .	7 50
" 11 . . . . .	4 00
" 143 . . . . .	1 75
" 134 . . . . .	6 00
" 27 . . . . .	7 50
" 56 . . . . .	6 25

" 61 . . . . .	7 00
" 9 . . . . .	25 00
" 15, from Bro. Geo. Roehrs . . .	1 00

This help, brothers, I fully appreciate, and every one who will take the time to read the little book will be benefited I am sure. If any brother who has helped me since I have been down should ever become helpless and have to write books or anything else to earn a living he can "bank" on me for \$50 worth right from the beginning, and if I haven't the money I will sell collar buttons and hot tamales till I get it and would feel as if I could never do enough to help him along. I am very thankful, brothers, for the many kind acts of sympathy that you have shown me, and if space permitted I would like to give a more detailed statement of how much I appreciate your kind help and patronage.

I was very sorry to hear of Bro. Fry's misfortune in Richmond, Va., but hope he comes through O. K. Hope the boys of 67 hold out to a finish.

I spent a few pleasant days in Fort Worth with the boys of Local 28 last month and say they are going to make a showing soon although their P. S. is still missing.

Hurrah for the efforts of the first convention of Electrical Workers in Texas! I hope their good work will prove very fruitful.

Met Bro. Ed Schotts, of Local 124, a few weeks ago, and he looked none the worse for the Galveston disaster. Good luck to you boys of 124.

Well, brothers, be good, and if you have an old rusty quarter that you don't need, just send it in and I will send you a copy of my book, and if you ever drift into this little town come and make yourself at home with me.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

## LETTER OF THANKS.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 5, 1900.

To My Many Friends and Brothers:

Upon reading my insignificant letter in the October Worker I feel as though sufficient thanks have not been given those who have been so extremely kind to me. Words are inadequate to express and convey the deep gratitude I feel towards the good brothers, and in fact my vocabulary of the English language is insufficient to tell how honestly grateful I am to Locals Nos. 9, 3 and 6 for their kind assistance which was unsolicited and voluntarily given. As I stated in my letter of thanks in the October Worker, I had the misfortune of having 286 inches of flesh burned from my body at Rusk, Tex., on the 14th of last February. Although far from being well, I am able to be up and about in a bent-over, crippled condition and when I am skinned over, which will be, I hope, in about three months, I will have to undergo

the operations of having my right leg and arm cut in order to regain the former use of my limbs.

Brothers, the pure, unalloyed charity that has been extended to me shall not go unnoticed and for this reason I again write a letter of thanks and have to add to Locals 3 and 9, No. 6. The boys of No. 3 made up my fare to San Francisco, where I arrived on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, and visited Local No. 6 on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. Bros. R. P. Gale, Ben. W. Smith and officers of same I thank heartily for my introduction and for the kind assistance I received voluntarily at their hands. This came as a God-send and a healing balm to my sufferings, and it is indeed as our good and worthy Bro. H. W. Sherman wrote me in well chosen and encouraging words, "When a man thinks the whole world is against him and wonders what there is in life to live for the brothers come upon the scene as a ray of sunshine lending their assistance, thus making everything bright before the unfortunate." Certainly and truly this was the case with me. God bless you, brothers, one and all, for what you have done for me. Long live the Brotherhood and its noble work.

I hope to start a good local here and already have many signers to the application for a charter.

In conclusion, will say that I am doing as well as can be expected under existing circumstances in this warm, sublime climate and am rapidly improving. I would be pleased to hear from any of the brothers and will answer promptly any who may write to me. Hastily and fraternally, I am,

Sincerely and respectfully,  
HARRY D. PAKSONS.

## PRACTICE VERSUS PREACHING.

"It is easy to sit in the sunshine  
And talk to the man in the shade;"  
It is easy to float in a well-trimmed boat  
And point out the places to wade.

But once we pass into the shadows,  
We murmur, and fret, and frown,  
And our length from the bank we shout  
for a plank,  
Or throw up our hands and go down.

It is easy to sit in your carriage  
And counsel the man on foot;  
But get down and walk and you'll change  
your talk,  
As you feel the peg in your foot.

It is easy to tell the toiler  
How best he can carry his pack;  
But no one can rate a burden's weight  
Until it has been on his back.

The up-curved mouth of pleasure  
Can preach of sorrow's worth,  
But give it a sip, and a wryer lip  
Was never made on earth.

— Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



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28, Baltimore, Md.  
 127, Battle Creek, Mich.  
 150, Bay City, Mich.  
 125, Portland, Ore.  
 151, San Francisco, Cal.  
 152, Fort Scott, Kas.  
 153, Galveston, Tex.  
 154, Cleveland, O.  
 155, Troy, N. Y.

IT IS important that Patrick Carney  
 write to his sister, Mrs. Mary White, 1807  
 Irwin ave., Alleghany, Pa.

**BOND YOUR OFFICERS.**

We have repeatedly called your attention to the necessity of placing officers who handle money under bond, but it seems to no avail, as we are frequently in receipt of letters asking what can be done. It would be unnecessary to ask any questions if you have the members bonded. The money will be secure then. Let the bondsmen ask the questions, not you.

THE insurance plan supported by Local No. 9, of Chicago, should receive the consideration of every member of our brotherhood, as it is something of vital interest to us all. We have been paying but one hundred dollars, a sum hardly sufficient to give us a decent burial, but should this plan be adopted it would make us all better satisfied. Some of the insurance companies bar men who work at our calling and the few who will accept us place us in the hazardous class, thereby compelling us to pay a much higher premium. That this plan could be worked successfully goes without saying. Now, brothers, don't have the communication placed on file, but discuss it as it should be and send in your views.

**THE COMING ELECTION.**

In the coming election for a legislator, it might be well for organized labor to pay some attention to the matter. If the Union men of the county will act on it, they can elect a man who will look after their interests. It may be a little late, but if they will look into the subject, they may be able to avoid a stumbling block in the election of a member to fill the vacancy. We don't believe in letting partisan politics cut any figure; but we do think that organized labor should make it an end to try to get all the lawmakers possible that are favorable to the cause of the working man. If we can have good laws passed, and then secure honest judges to administer them, we will make some progress in the way of securing to the workingman his rights. But we must remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and we cannot sleep on our posts, unless we want the enemy to steal on us unawares and bind us hand and foot before we know it.

To the Officers and Members of the I. B. E. W., Greeting:

The following communication has been sent to every Local for consideration. Kindly let us know your views as soon as possible.

As man grows old his services are naturally put aside. The prejudice and resentment of his experience teaches him patience and magnanimity, that in the present age, owing to the struggle for existence by one and the clamor for more wealth by the other, man, in the strength of his animal nature, brilliant with the flourishes of his existence, is led along the path of life in the hope of better civilization from the rising to the setting of the sun.

The weakness to which the body is heir appeals to the most enlightened mind; the necessity of leaving our mothers, wives and children in such a fortified condition behind the embattlements of \$2000 insurance that the wolf of misery and despair

may not encroach upon the glorious monument erected to remain unshaken against the ravages of time.

It is hardly necessary to remind any electrical worker of the benefit of this work. The way is open to the means of their relief—a blessing to the needy, the friendless and the destitute exposed to the pitiless charity of this cold world in their hour of sorrow.

The following will sufficiently explain itself with more skill and exactness of detail:

SUGGESTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION NO. 9:

An insurance drawn up for the benefit of said members in good standing in the I. B. E. W.

1st—Any member more than two months in arrears at the time of accident or death shall not be entitled to insurance benefits.

2nd—Any member in good standing, having been injured prior to the taking out of this policy, and being disabled from said injuries, shall not receive insurance benefits unless said injuries are proven not to be the cause of said disability.

3rd—Any electrical worker coming in as an honorary member shall not be entitled to an insurance benefit.

4th—This insurance shall go into effect at the time of initiation of candidates to any local. To the beneficiaries of any member in good standing who takes his own life as a suicide shall be paid not more than one-half (1/2) the principal sum of insurance.

5th—If such injuries to a member in good standing of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers result in loss by removal of one entire hand, at or above the wrist, or one entire foot, at or above the ankle, then he shall be paid one-half the principal sum insured, and the other half at the time of said member's death, if in good standing in the Brotherhood.

6th—If such injury result in loss by removal of both hands, at or above the wrist, or both feet, at or above the ankle, or one hand and one foot at those places, or the irrecoverable loss of the entire sight of both eyes, or total disability, then he shall be paid the full principal sum of insurance, and his policy shall thereupon cease and be surrendered to the local to which he belonged.

7th—Any electrical worker, at the time of initiation to the I. B. E. W., must state to the financial secretary, on being entered on his books, who his insurance beneficiary shall be in case of his death; also all members of the I. B. E. W. in good standing at the time this insurance goes into effect.

8th—Each and every member of the I. B. E. W. in good standing upon the approval of the executive board of this insurance, shall be assessed the sum of fifty

cents for a reserve fund, which fund shall not drop lower than two thousand dollars (\$2000) before there is another assessment of fifty cents levied. Said fund shall in no way be used for other purposes than those herein specified.

We hope in presenting this request to your local for approval, a clear and readable, if not a technical and elaborate description of important enlightenment is here described, and which will be improved by the Brotherhood as the conditions will require.

We trust enough to furnish a ground upon which to lay the foundation, kindle the enthusiasm and inspire the hopes glowing in the better nature of man to the fulfillment of his expectations.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. L. COLLINS,  
M. NEVLER,  
JNO. O'GRADY,  
P. E. CULLINAN,  
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#### Secretary's Report for October.

P.C.	Init.	Sup.	But.	Assess.	Total.
15	10.00	\$8.00			\$18.00
3	44.20	32.00	\$3.50		79.70
7	11.00	10.00			21.00
8	11.60	14.00	3.75	1.00	\$4.00 34.35
9	43.00	16.00			59.00
10			1.50		1.50
11	5.60		1.49		7.09
12	3.20	1.00			4.20
14	16.40		9.00		25.40
15			2.00		2.00
16	7.40				7.40
17	30.20	36.00	1.00	48.00	115.20
21	15.80	2.00			17.80
22	6.00	2.00	7.40		15.40
24	24.80	12.00			36.80
25	4.80	4.00			8.80
26	14.00		1.50		15.50
27			3.00		3.00
28			13.00		13.00
29			2.00		2.00
30	13.60	22.00	1.50	50	75 38.35
32	3.80		50		4.30
34	3.80	4.00	2.75	3.00	13.55
35	5.00	22.00			27.00
38	15.20		75		15.95
39	58.60	12.00	6.00		76.60
41	46.20	34.00		1.00	23.50 104.70
42	10.40	5.00	50		15.90
46	8.20	26.00			28.20
47	2.00	2.00			4.00
50	3.40		2.00		5.40
53	5.00				5.00
54	19.20	26.00			39.20
56	14.80				14.80
57	9.40	6.00	8.00	4.50	27.90
58	11.80	4.00		3.75	19.55
59	4.60	2.00			6.60
60	27.40		8.25		35.65

61			14.50	14.50
62	6.40	8.00		14.40
66	25.20	14.00	3.50	42.70
67	2.60			2.60
68	10.00			10.00
70	40.60	72.00	1.00	17.50 131.10
71	3.80		25	4.05
73	5.00	4.00		1.75 10.75
75	22.00	36.00	1.00	59.00
76	3.80	3.00		6.80
78	8.00		3.00	11.00
79	11.60	8.00		19.60
80	11.40		1.25	12.65
81	5.20			5.20
82	6.80			6.80
83	7.00	6.00		13.00
86	12.60	2.00	50	15.10
87	8.80	2.00		10.80
89	8.20	4.00		12.20
90	6.40	2.00		8.40
91	3.60	15.00	25 1.00	19.85
93	3.80			3.80
96	7.20	6.00	1.00 2.00	5.50 21.70
97			50	50
98	50.00	50.00		50.25 150.25
99	4.80	3.00	1.00	8.80
100	3.20		12.50	15.70
101	20	2.00		2.20
103	5.80	2.00	50	8.30
104	43.40	22.00		9.25 74.65
105	6.40		25	6.65
107	3.00			3.00
108	1.60			1.60
109	14.80	22.00	3.00	39.80
112	5.80	1.00		1.75 8.55
113	1.80	4.00		5.80
114	9.20	2.00		11.20
120	5.80	2.00		7.80
121	14.60	17.00		31.60
122	2.20	8.00		10.20
125	8.00	7.25		15.25
126	4.60	8.00	2.00	14.60
127	18.00	7.75		25.75
130	10.50			10.50
131	10.00	2.00		12.00
132	2.80			2.80
133	9.40			9.40
135	2.40	2.00		4.40
137	5.40	6.00	50	11.00
138	5.60	6.00		11.60
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141	3.20	2.00		5.20
142	3.40	14.00	8.50	25.90
143	4.40	12.00		16.40
144	3.00			3.00
145	11.20	16.00		27.20
146	2.80	1.00		3.80
147	7.60	12.00	25	19.85
148			4.00	4.00
149			1.75	1.75
150	26.00	4.75		30.75
152	8.00	9.25		17.25
153	14.00	14.20		28.20
155	7.00			7.00

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Dues from members of lapsed L.U.'s	6.50
Supplies not sold through L.U.'s	75
Buttons " " " "	22.50
Advertising in Worker . . . . .	67.13
	\$2224.27

#### Treasurer's Report for October.

Death claim 104, J. W. Kane . . . \$	100.00
" " 105, Roy Smith . . .	100.00
" " 106, Boyd Parker . . .	100.00
" " 107, J. W. Mayberry . . .	100.00
" " 108, W. H. Owens . . .	100.00
" " 109, P. Hight . . .	100.00
" " 110, P. D. Redden . . .	100.00
" " 111, J. P. Jack . . .	100.00
Thos. Weeks, legal services . . .	100.00
A. F. of L., per capita Oct., Nov. and Dec. . . . .	60.00
J. R. Bourne, seals . . . . .	6.00
Tom Wheeler, gen'l expenses . . .	35.14
" " " " . . .	72.31
H. C. Bourdinger, org. Bay City, Mich. . . . .	15.00
W. G. Spinning, printing October Worker . . . . .	310.95
W. G. Spinning, printing L. U. supplies . . . . .	14.30
W. G. Spinning, printing G. O. supplies . . . . .	13.55
H. W. Serman, Oct. salary . . .	100.00
M. K. Clinton, " " . . .	30.00
E. M. Parry, " " . . .	20.00
C. E. Smith, strike benefit No. 61 " " " " . . .	100.00
Office rent, October . . . . .	12.50
Mailing Worker . . . . .	16.00
Postage . . . . .	15.00
F. J. Sheehan, acct. New Eng. State appr. . . . .	75.00
Tom Wheeler, gen'l expenses . . .	66.94
J. R. Bourne, seals . . . . .	13.50
Telegrams . . . . .	12.34
R. R. Tripp . . . . .	100.00
Exchange . . . . .	2.40
Express . . . . .	18.23

Total . . . . . \$2,109.16

#### RECAPITULATION.

Amount on hand Oct. 1, 1900 . . .	\$2,506.38
Oct. receipts rec'd Nov. 10th . . .	2,224.27
Total . . . . .	\$4,730.65
Oct. expenses . . . . .	2,109.16

Amount on hand Nov. 1st . . . \$2,621.49

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. WISSINGER,  
Grand Treas.

#### UNIONISM IN THE SOUTH.

One of the most wholesome indications in the South, is the growth and increase of labor organizations, and, of course, an improvement of the working people of the South. Only a few years ago labor organizations were few and far between, and it was worth almost as much as his life, for a working man to let it be known that he belonged to a labor union. The Federation of Labor recently organized in Columbia, S. C., announced as its object the securing of "proper recognition from employers, the general public and the various municipal, state and legislative bodies," and the passage of laws to "alleviate the condition of the wage-working class."

These are really hopeful signs, and they show that the leaven of Unionism is leaving the whole country.—Exchange.

## OUR LOCALS.

### Local Union No. 2.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Work in this district has slacked up considerably; 25 men have been laid off by the Kinlock Tel. Co. The Imperial Electric Co. has finished all its work, but our business agent, Bro. Allen, is still bringing in good returns each week. Bro. Grady had the misfortune of losing his mother by death. All brothers extend their heartfelt sympathy for his great loss. Bro. Morris Chard has been confined to his bed from coming in contact with some of the Laclede Electric Co.'s wire, while transferring wires for the fire alarm. Wishing all locals success, I remain,

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN J. MANSON.

### Local Union No. 6.

San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I have once more returned from a foreign shore, and I find great changes all over the city as well as in electrical circles. No. 6 and the Association of Electrical Mechanics have joined hands and are now one body, the A. E. M. coming into No. 6, and all is serene and lovely, as it should be; your scribe worked hard and talked much, yet for a while it seemed as if the sore heads would win, but good judgment and sound logic prevailed, so we are one large and happy family of brothers.

The linemen have at last got together and organized themselves into a good strong local. In the two or three meetings held over 100 members have been cut into the circuit and in consequence the Pacific Phone Co. has let out all the boys in their employ who had the manhood to declare they are free and independent citizens of this great and glorious country, and dare get in shape to demand a shorter work day with an increase in wages. It makes a deal of difference who organizes in this country; if it is the capitalists, all right, but if it is a few men who do the work and earn the money, it's a crime which can be only punished by dismissal from the company's works. Yes, dear brother, you must be careful whose ox you gore; prod your own ox, but don't prod the other fellow's, and when you have had the bad judgment to put the club in the capitalist hands, don't kick if he pounds you with it. Keep the club yourself and do your own pounding, or in other words put only your own kind in office and you can wield the club. No. 6 has 187 in good standing including the 40 taken in from the A. E. M.

It is my painful duty to report the death of Bro. C. R. Norton, who was found lying by one of the large generators at the

Spreckles sugar mill near Salinas, Cal. Some said he was despondent over the death of his wife, who died recently, others think the reversing lever of the generator hit him on the head, as a large fracture was to be seen on the top of the skull. Be it as it may, No. 6 and the I. B. E. W. have lost a good member and a first-class mechanic. Bro. Norton was always a gentleman, and used the men under him as such. I do not speak from hearsay, but from my own personal knowledge, having worked for Bro. Norton. He was buried from his father's house in San Francisco under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

Bro. Jay Poyer is on the U. S. A. Transport Sheridan, which will leave for the Orient about Nov. 15th. Bro. Ed. Indermille has returned from China, where he reports things in very hard shape; he also says that if the soldiers in Manila, 65,000 in number, were home, they would to a man vote for Bryan and freedom. Bro. Del. Scott is on his way to Taku, China, on the German transport, Neuremberg. Bro. Joe Roxbury is back from the frozen wilds of Alaska, also Bro. Rush, who declare positively that they are satisfied California and S. F. are the only places on earth.

I gather from our Grand President's letter that he will not support either of the old blatherskiting demagogues for office, and when the rest of the workmen of the U. S. get a little more sense in their heads they will follow Bro. Wheeler and Ann Arkist to the polls and cast a straight Socialist ticket. We will see if they keep their promises for the next four years. "Protection of labor, a full dinner pail and the downfall of Trusts." Watch 'em, boys; keep your eye on § Hanna. All the steel and wire mills are closed down, thousands out of work, yet you will be led by the ear to the booth and sell your birth-right, not for porridge, but for the ever-fleeting drop of honey.

Action was taken by No. 6 on Oct. 25th to publish a list of the scabs in S. F. who worked against and are now working against the union.

ANN ARKIST.

P. S.—By the way, our old hall at 106 O'Farrell got too small for us, so we have moved to a large and commodious one at 102 O'Farrell, where all good, true brothers can find us every Wednesday night; and I want to caution anyone who may stray in here, if your card is not paid up to date, don't travel west, turn your face to Scabville; the road is in good walking condition and the ties need counting very badly. The ultimatum here is "No card, no job," and no fooling either. The boys have been pretty well at work up to now, but they are quiet here at present.

Bro. C. O. Melton fell from a ladder at Salinas and is laid up.

Scabs.—Thos. Meehan, Lucien Helm,

Henry Snider, Joe Ferrare, Selby Meyers, Mike Quinn, Dick Fisk, a former member of I. B. E. W.

Well, so long;

ANN ARKIST.

### Local Union No. 7.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, the time has rolled around again for another letter. I thought I'd let you know about the State Conference held here October the 14th. There was a large attendance and lots of business done in regard to the eight-hour movement. Delegates were in attendance from Locals 103, 104, 94, 96, 101, 90, 37, 11, and 7, about eighteen in all. I must add that our worthy grand president was there. He dropped in on us the 13th, coming up from Hartford. All the boys were glad to see him. We had a special meeting before the conference opened up, to initiate four new members and our G. P. assisted us in the meeting. He made a very interesting speech to the new members and brothers in regard to their duties. We adjourned to another hall where the conference was called to order and at 2:30 the P. S. was invited along to take in things. I will say that I listened to some of the best speeches there on unionism I ever heard. Each delegate told of conditions in his city and they were all O. K. When our worthy G. P. got up to speak he was given a grand ovation. He spoke on trades unions and the duties of the Brotherhood in general. His remarks were the best we ever heard here. I wish we had a few more brothers like him. We also missed our second vice-president Sheehan; he did not come up but was expected.

At six o'clock a recess was in order and a grand supper was served by our reception committee, Bros. Magol and Diztrith and everything was O. K. After supper the cigars were passed around. The conference was called to order at 7:00, and delegates voted to have the next conference in New Haven, Conn. the first Sunday in January, 1901. Also the delegates voted to have the grand president stay in New England if possible and is here now. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M. and the G. P. went to New York that night to fix up a local there.

Our local voted to have an open meeting October the 24th and invited all the non-members who would come. Our worthy grand president addressed the meeting and made a very good impression on new members. At our next meeting we have six applications with which the local is well pleased. The next day the G. P. went to Holyoke, and No. 7 had Tim go with him. I showed him the town and we found lots of the boys, but they held their meeting on Tuesday night and the president had to go to Boston but will call on



Nos. 7 and 9 before he goes away from here. What about that leg? G. P., hope to meet again.

Since my last letter everything has come our way. Our past president, G. T. McGiley, came back and No. 7 was glad of it. He is feeling good but I did not have a chance to go and see him before I wrote this letter, but will later on. And now about our dance, which will be held December 6th, in Graves hall. All are invited and we would like to see some of the brothers of locals from near by come. The committee in charge is Joe McGiley, T. H. Bowen and Vice-President Sampson. We are going to have a big electrical display which is in the hands of a good, competent electrician, Bro. J. Maloney, foreman for Fitzpatrick Electric Co. He tells me he will have a big star and I. B. E. W., using about 175 lamps in all. We have a good many inside wiremen and I guess the display will be O. K. The lamps and other stock will be given to us by an ex-member, now a contractor, Wm. M. Gregg, of the firm of Bowman & Gregg. He was our president for two years and held every office in the union. He is today the best friend the local has outside of the local. Mr. H. S. Anderson will also give us a hand by giving us power free of charge. He is manager of the electric light company and we can assure you we appreciate his generosity.

We are going to have a good time. It is our first dance and the local is going to have everybody enjoy themselves. Our Charlie will have his little act to do before the dance starts. Brothers of Hartford local, come and see him do his funny turn.

Business here is very good and all the brothers are working. The electric light company is putting more wires under ground. They are on the Hill section now. The Western Union Tel. Co. is putting all of its wires under ground and the city is putting fire alarm wires underground. A city law compels the placing of all wires under ground.

#### WAGE EARNERS BEWARE.

A word at this time to our fellow-unionists is not only appropriate but necessary, says Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. During the past two years and particularly within the past eight months, the trade union movement has experienced a growth unprecedented in the history of the movement on this continent. This growth is of an advantageous character, and if intelligently directed, fostered and encouraged, the trade union movement will receive an extension and momentum that will carry it to the highest pinnacle of success.

With this marvelous growth of the trade union movement, a few persons here and there have endeavored to foist themselves upon our organizations, and, without using

harsher terms, the purpose sought by them is not calculated to promote the welfare of the cause for which the organized movement stands. Self-seekers, political hucksters and financial charlatans, each has sought to fasten his fangs upon some organization, and particularly upon those newly formed.

In the interests of our fellow-workers and for the safety of our government, for which so many struggles have been made and sacrifices borne, we urge upon our fellow-unionists everywhere to be on guard; and, while endeavoring to organize every wage-worker into the union of his trade or calling, yet to be careful that none others than those who claim to be considered "wage-workers" will bear the strictest investigation, are admitted into membership in the unions.

Education is now more than ever necessary for the wage-worker; without it he becomes either the abject slave of the employer or the ready tool for designing benefactors. It should be the particular aim of all unions to impress the necessity of education upon their members. Education broadens a man's views, makes him more cognizant of his condition, implants self-reliance and determination, stimulates the desire for improvement and teaches him to adopt intelligent measures to procure it. It is the foundation of all successful organizations. Ignorance has too long been an excuse for servility; it should be so no longer. Educated capital will always be able to defeat ignorant labor. It is not sufficient to have intelligent and educated leaders, but equally important to have intelligent and educated members. The salvation of the movement rests upon the education and the intelligence of the members, and not upon the ability or intelligence of any single individual, however bright he may be.

I met a man who wanted to know if I would say something about a scab in the Worker. He is an enemy to himself. I read in a journal one time that a non-union man was tried in court in London, England, for intimidating a scab for going to work during a strike. In summing up the case, counsel for the prisoner gave the following definition of a scab: "A scab is to his trade what a traitor is to his country, and, though both may be useful to one party in troublesome times, when peace returns they are detested alike by all, so when help is needed a scab is the last to contribute assistance and the first to grab a benefit which he never labored to secure; he cares only for himself, but he sees not beyond the extent of a day and for monetary and worthless approbation would betray his friends, his family and his country. In short, he is a traitor on a small scale who first sells his fellowmen and is himself afterward sold in turn by his employer until at last he is despised by both

and deserted by all. He is an enemy to himself, to the present age and to posterity."

Well, I will short circuit this letter and come to a close. A letter from No. 37 once in a while would seem encouraging up this way. We always like to read them, my dear V. P. and P. S. This is my second last letter and I am glad to put this glorious work on to some other brother. Hoping this will reach you in time.

Sincerely and fraternally,

T. H. BOWEN,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 9.

Chicago, Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is again time to let the outside world know that No. 9 is on earth and progressing nicely, adding new lights every week and growing fast, and we hope some day to be the leading local in Chicago. If we could find some way to induce some of our sleepy brothers to attend our meetings more regularly I think it would be a benefit to our local. Wake up, brothers; come down and see us. You surely can spend a couple of hours with us once a week. Let us understand one another. Get together once a week and not be strangers always.

Bro. Jackson, who was shot and robbed some time ago, is getting along very nicely. Enclosed you will find clipping from the Chicago Tribune of Bro. Jackson's encounter with hold-up men, which you will please copy.

Fraternally,

WM. HICKS.

P. S.—I would like the address of Bro. Walter Hastings. W. H.

Frederick Jackson, one of a family of seven brothers, all of whom are over six feet in height, refused to be awed by revolvers in the hands of two Mansfield, Ill., highwaymen. As a result he is at St. Luke's hospital with a bullet wound through his body. Jackson was returning to his home in Sedalia, Mo., from this city, when assaulted.

After a two weeks' visit to his brother, William Jackson, 347 Thirty-first street, who is a lineman and repairer in the city electrical department, whom he had not seen in fourteen years, Jackson started for his home on Tuesday evening. He alighted from the train at Mansfield, and near the depot was accosted by two men, who commanded him to throw up his hands. Life in Sedalia, the home of the James brothers and the Cook boys, had bred contempt in the mind of the Missourian for the prosaic robbers of small Illinois towns, and he responded by promptly swinging a ponderous fist on one of the men. The man fell unconscious, but before Jackson could reach his companion for a blow the

man fired and Jackson fell with a bullet hole through his left side. He was hastily searched and a purse containing \$50 and a gold watch were taken. He was found by the crew of the railroad train and sent back to Chicago, where his brother had been notified by telegraph.

The physicians at the hospital predict his speedy recovery because of his splendid physique. Jackson is one of the smallest members of the family, his father being 6 feet 7 inches in height.

### Local Union No. 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 30, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 10 is progressing very nicely, if we are having a strike; the brothers are all living, just the same as if nothing had happened, and we have not had to go without anything to eat, as the smaller contractors, or rather the fair contractors, are keeping the men busy, or nearly so, and if an unfair contractor gets out on a job we always know of it in time to say a good word to help them to move on and put union men on the job. We are organized, too, so let all union men beware of No. 10's district, as we have some bad men here, and especially our business agents; and remember we have two of them, and they can scout just a little. They know their business and can hustle like everything if something gets on the wind.

We have had no one to leave us as yet; all of them seem satisfied the way everything is going. We have a good union and good men. We are growing stronger every day, and adding new lights to the circuit every meeting night.

Oh yes, we are keeping the ball rolling, as our ball comes off the 30th of November, and we extend an invitation to all brethren of other lodges. So if any brother happens in our jurisdiction, let him come up with his pointed-toed shoes.

Bro. Wheeler was with us at the first and he is watching our case with interest; he is the only one, when it comes down to business, for we had some pretty tough propositions to go against at the time he was here. He and one of our brothers could explain why they counted the ties on one of our railroads for some less than 150 or 200 miles. They got in a wreck, but did not look so bad after getting back to the city, and it was all caused by one of our brothers setting a line of iron poles in the center of the tracks. He only set four or five before he had some of them broke down by a street car, but he has learned to set them on the outside of the track now.

Now, in closing I will say that we are getting along O. K. with our strike, giving to the unfair contractors a good hot time just the same. If any brother can assist

us in keeping scabs out of our city, we will give those a hot time that are here.

I will try to be heard from a little oftener.

Fraternally, W. J. BATLEY,  
Press Sec.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Hello, Brothers and Fellow Fixers—You may well think No. 10 is a dead one, but "no coma this way" without a paid-up card and we will show you some of the liveliest corpses you ever saw. Now, the reason you have not heard anything from No. 10 for so long is of course nobody's fault—too busy, didn't have time, didn't get my letter in in time, and a thousand more such excuses from our worthy (?) P. S. I will take the responsibility upon myself to let you know how No. 10 is winning one of the greatest strikes that was ever won in these diggings. To begin with, we went out Sept. 14 for eight hours and 32½ cents per hour. We had no more than gone out when the citizens gave a grand and glorious fall carnival, with more electrical work than was ever done here before at any one time. The carnival committee had all the work specified strictly union (many thanks to them for that). Some of our noble heads (No. 10 has a few of them left) got together and concluded to hold the sympathy of the people and to do the carnival work providing it was strictly union. We met the carnival committee, and without hardly changing words agreed to do the work for 30 cents per hour. We started in, and the bad boys (thank God there are not many of them) tried every way to get a slice of the job by doing work in basements and then sending it over to the monument to be put up, but we would not touch it, nor did a piece of it go up on the job. We held their trolley down and they could not do a thing. We did the work and did it well. The carnival was a howling success and the first job ever pulled off in the Hoosier capital strictly union.

Right here I will make you acquainted with our business agents, Bro. C. O. Johnson and Bro. W. O. Dudley, two tall, raw-boned, hungry-looking wire-fixers who look like they had to live on fruit such as currants. If you want to see some fun, go to a 'phone and call them up. Tell them there is a gang of scabs working at some particular place, step around the corner and see them come swinging their arms and shaking their heads. Poor scabs, I would hate to be in your place.

The work we are doing is something that was never done before. We have the Indianapolis Tel. Co., the Advance Electric Co., Sanborn Electric Co., and C. W. Meikler Electric Supplies and Fixtures Co., on the unfair list. These are the four companies we are fighting. Now, when we hear of them doing any work, we have it taken from them and given to some firm that is

O. K. So we get the work and the poor rat has to take his tools back to the shop. One nice thing is, we have stopped them on every job with but one or two exceptions, and they were jobs with people of the rat order.

We have one job here—the Columbia Club, the leading Republican club of the State, have been erecting an elegant stone building in the heart of the city to be occupied by them as a club house. They have been working on it for the last two years, and for the past year we have been fighting them. We have at last got a contract signed that the balance of the work shall be done by union men and under the supervision of a union contractor. They fought hard, for the reason Sanborn is a member of the club and a member of the building committee.

Our business agents keep a list of the brothers who are working and those who are not. As the work comes in the time is divided as nearly equal as possible. In this way we all get a show and no one so far has had to ask for much help.

We have had the venerable war-horse, Uncle Tom, with us on a couple of occasions. Whenever he comes around it puts the ginger in the brothers, and every one in No. 10 has out the glad hand for our highest and most worthy officer. I have been through several strikes, and I must say No. 10 has one now. When we win it, and I do not think it will be many moons, we will have something for some others to take pattern after. We have had few fights and but little street talk; we have simply worked on them in a nice, quiet way, and getting them to sign an application. Since we went out we have taken in in the neighborhood of 50 members, and some of them are the hardest workers we have. Some of the rankest rats, when they go out to work, or try to work, carry a gun as large as Dewey had in his float. We meet them, give them the hoarse laugh, and have not looked down many of their war tools.

We are doing our work slow but sure; when we do get the contractors all in line there are one or two rats who will have to go into some other business or leave the capital of Indiana forever. Hoping this will find all locals and brothers prospering, I remain,  
Fraternally yours,

P. M. LANS.

### Local Union No. 11.

Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As I received a call in the latter end of the letter from Local 44, in last month's Worker, I will endeavor to make some kind of an answer, just to let the push up near the Genesee river and Lake Ontario know that I am still on the surface of this old ball of mud, although it was guessed



the fore part of last summer that I would be a dead man ere this. Now, Bro. Charles Clark, as I am not much of a quill-slinger, do not expect to hear too much of me from that source, but when I have one of those dreams again and my feet get itchy I will probably go on an annual tour of the country, and if it be the time of year when the bluebirds sing I will certainly have Rochester billed as an objective point in my line of travel, and then I will be able to shoot more hot atmosphere in a "pair of minutes," as Bro. C. J. C. says, than would fill a hot-air balloon, or than I could get in the Worker if I could have every page of it to myself. Well, as I cannot take up too much space in the Worker I will have to stop nonsense and make a few statements, and blow two whistles.

I am here in the Nutmeg State helping to fix the wires and recruit up, as I have cut the powders out to a great extent, I just thought I would lose myself in this little Brass City between the hills for a time, and it just depends on circumstances how long the time may be, but hope it may be until the leaves come again.

If Bro. C. J. Chisholm should happen to throw his optics on this my first attempt at writing or slinging ink for the benefit of the few I know, I would be pleased to hear from him, and hope he won't say it is on the Fritzenheimer.

We have a nice local here in No. 11 for so small a city and the few that are in the business here, and we had the favor of a visit from Grand President Wheeler a short time ago, and I think he did a power of good in the short time that he was with us, at an open meeting, and with the result that I think there will be at least five people initiated next week.

Now as I have held you for awhile, I will close, remaining yours,

Respectfully and fraternally,

C. A. or CTY.

Waterbury, Conn., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The past month has been a stirring one for No. 11. We sent a delegate to a conference of the New England locals, which was held at Springfield, Mass., Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14th. Matters pertaining to the electrical workers were discussed and great good ought to come out of all such meetings. The secretary of the conference, I hope, will have a full report in this issue of the Worker, and I hope every brother will read it. The next meeting will be held at New Haven, Conn., January 13, 1901. Would it not be a good idea for the electrical workers of the various states to hold meetings at stated intervals to exchange views and learn the condition of the trade in their immediate locality, thereby enabling them to strengthen their

organization, and when delegates are selected to go to the International convention they would be properly equipped and able to benefit the organization at large. Think it over, brothers, and bring it up for discussion at your meetings and exchange views with the locals in your state and see what they think about it.

Oct. 23d we held a special meeting to welcome Grand President Thos. Wheeler, who gave our delegate at Springfield his promise that he would pay No. 11 a visit; and we gave him a royal meeting for a small place such as Waterbury is. Our meeting room was packed with members and visitors. Bro. Wheeler discussed the rights of the man who toils in a very able manner. I want to say right here that I have belonged to labor organizations for the past twenty years and I have never heard a more honest, fearless presentation of the toilers' condition. Keep up the good work, Bro. Wheeler; some day the seeds you are sowing will bear fruit. As a result of Bro. Wheeler's visit we have six applications on hand, with more coming.

I want to say a few words to the members of No. 11. You have a good organization and will benefit us all some time, but you must not expect it to live without your help. You ought to pay your dues regularly and attend every meeting that it is possible. Remember that your officers like to see you at the meeting. It gives them encouragement and shows them that you appreciate the work they are doing in your behalf. Remember that the officers are working for the organization, and expect as much from every member. When a man joins an organization, to be a faithful member and live up to his obligation, he should try and do his share of the work. The cold weather is coming and the meeting room ought to be a comfortable place to spend an evening, and less expensive to a great many.

Fraternally yours,  
J. BYRNES.

Local Union No. 12.

Pueblo Colo., Oct. 13, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Although you have not heard from No. 12 for some time, we are not dead nor have we been idle. We have had an influx of new members lately and everything seems prosperous.

Pueblo had a street fair Oct. 3d to 6th, inclusive, which furnished work for a few of us. Between 3,000 and 4,000 extra lights were put in and we had lively times for awhile.

We had an application from one A. D. Hay, formerly of Richmond, Ind., but now in the employ of the Colorado Telephone Co. at Trinidad, Colo., who became very indignant because we started an investigation of his record. He was un-

known to us, and it was our right and our duty to do so before taking him into our local; and no man with a clean record and an unblemished character need fear the investigation committee. Said A. D. Hay wrote a letter from Trinidad to the local protesting against some inquiries he thought we had made, asked that we destroy his application and wound up by requesting Local No. 12 to go to the place of eternal heat. No doubt his intentions were good, and he merely wished us a nice warm place for the winter, but as we have already laid in a supply of fuel his suggestion is quite superfluous, for we intend to stay right where we are; Mother Earth is good enough for us. The aforementioned A. D. Hay informs us that he intends to take out a card in some other local, which privilege we freely grant him.

I have been instructed by our local to warn all members of the brotherhood against one G. D. Huffen, whom we find totally unworthy of assistance.

Bro. Ed. Seamon would like to know the whereabouts of his brother, Dick Seamon, a lineman, last heard of at St. Louis two years ago. If anyone knows anything of him the information will be thankfully received by Local No. 12 or his brother.

Fraternally yours,

P. T. B.,  
Press Sec.

Local Union No. 14.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

L. U. No. 14 is still progressing; we have succeeded in initiating sixty odd since the notorious grafter, Sullivan, and his bunch left this locality, and the outlook is very bright for the future. Any fixer coming this way with a card will experience no difficulty in securing board at the old stand, Hamilton House, as the Mr. and Mrs. have laid the case of \$45 on the table until such time as they see fit to take further action.

Dave, why have we not heard from you? Your card expired Aug. 31st, and you will soon be in arrears. Sullivan, also please answer the charges 14 has filed against you.

W. J. Foster, of 84, while stringing wire for the W. U. Tel. just out of Pittsburg, Oct. 12, came in contact with an alternator and was thrown from the pole on which he was working to the ground, some 40 feet below. We are very sorry to announce that he is now laying in the West Pennsylvania Hospital with his right leg fractured in three places, his arm burned and several other injuries. A few days after Foster's great misfortune a more serious accident happened. While transferring wire on the B. & O. Ry. for the W. U., a pole broke with Pat Tracy and Forsha, carrying them

from the bank with the pole into a moving freight train and Forsha was killed and Tracy, seriously injured, was taken to Mercer Hospital.

The splicer has arrived with his band and we expect him to do a turn at our grand open meeting on the 17th.

There are several members here who would like to hear from No. 55. Speak up, press secretary, and let us know you are still on the map.

Fraternally,  
D. McKAY,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 15.

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I would like to answer the several brothers who have written to me to ask why they did not see an article in the Worker last month. Well, brothers, all I can say to you is, my letter last month was muzzled, and henceforth don't look for anything of a personal nature; but if you desire I will forward you a copy of my October letter. Brothers, don't come this way, as times are dull and there is a little dispute here among our linemen. So don't get off; keep on moving.

Fraternally yours,  
E. ARRINGTON,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 16.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 16 is getting along all right. Our charter is open for thirty days and we expect to do a land-office business during that time. We will take in about eight new members at our next meeting. The boys are all happy just now, for we are going to have a new Tel. Co. in Evansville before long, and then we will have all the work we want. Work is pretty good here now, though.

I am sorry to state that our esteemed Bro. L. Riggs (one-time secretary) was called to the bedside of his father, who was very ill, Oct. 17th; he died Oct. 19th. This local extends to Bro. Riggs their heartfelt sympathy.

Well, as it is getting late I guess I will close. I am a little late this month, but hope that it will not be too late to find its place in our valuable little paper. I remain

Fraternally yours,  
H. P. DESTLER,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 17.

Detroit, Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local No. 17 is progressing very nicely and we are adding new members to our great circuit every meeting night. We have very near all of the fellows who follow the business and have touched the two hundred mark again. I think every brother

is doing all he can to strengthen the organization. If some of the unorganized class would read the sermon by Rev. A. R. Chambers, Congregational church, Saginaw, it should waken them up and make them think it was time to do something for themselves and for us, too. He tells them it is for their own benefit, that capital has to do it to keep up prices, so why doesn't labor have to do it, too? What will benefit one should help the other. One thing I noticed in particular was to see the union molders turn out to bury a dead brother of their organization. It shows a brotherly love existing in their council.

This has been a very good season for all classes of tradesmen and I hope it will continue to be so. Well, the election is over and those who are not satisfied will have to be for four years more.

Yours fraternally,  
EDWARD HINDSON,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 18.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected R. S. of Local 18, I think it is my duty to keep the Worker posted as to the conditions we are laboring under. We had a good meeting Wednesday, October 24. Two members were reinstated and three applications acted upon. Owing to the resignation of our business agent, Bro. Hutchinson—"Hutch," as he is called by the boys—things have been running a little wild. It is the policy of the construction houses here to employ as many 15c. helpers as possible, but we appointed stewards at each shop last meeting and the 15c. boys will have to take to the high brush, for we are going to make them join or get out of the business.

The B. R. Electric Co. is still unfair. Ex-Bro. Davies, who scabbed for the B. R. Co., is on the bum.

Bros. Hutchinson and Mandeville are running a shop of their own and doing a good business.

W. T. Osborn & Co. laid off a few men on account of lack of work.

The Electric Light Co. have moved into their new offices on Grand avenue.

Bro. Dashback was employed by the Westinghouse Co. at Convention Hall during the Street Car Ass'n meeting last week.

The General Electric Co., Westinghouse Co. and Cutler Co. deserve praise for their fine exhibits at the Street Car Ass'n meeting.

The Subway Co. is laying its conduit very fast now, and it will not be long before all the overhead wires are in the cold, cold ground.

I hear that Bro. Russell and No. 22 of Omaha are on the warpath. This time it is the New T. H. Co.

All members of No. 18 are working most of the time. Bro. Mather is doing stunts

with the Jolly Grass Widows' Co., having accepted the position of electrician. When he gets back we will send Bro. Callahan with a blanket and straw hat to meet him at Independence, Mo., so that he will make a decent appearance when he arrives at Kansas City. Bro. Hubbard is still at the Nelson building.

Local No. 18 is growing right along, a few members at every meeting. Men without cards should "get wise" and stay away from Kansas City.

Fraternally,  
BURT WHITE,  
Press Sec.

#### Greater New York Local No. 20.

Nov. 9th, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 20 had the misfortune of being shut out last month through the serious illness of its press secretary, Bro. McKinnen, so, as I have been selected to act pro tem, I will endeavor to fill the bill as best I know how, and I beg the brothers to forgive me if I say anything they don't like.

To start with I suppose it will interest all to know that Bro. McKinnen is improving rapidly, also Bros. Johnson, Simpson, Devaney and McLaughlin, who have been on the sick list for some time. My attention has been called to a sad affair in connection with these brothers who have been sick which is no doubt true and if so is a disgrace to every one of us. Take it unto yourself and try to imagine how you would feel if you were so ill that you could not leave the house and the sick committee appointed to visit you didn't do it. If they did, they would miss the next schooner. Not even the brothers living five minutes walk from you have time to step in and ask you how do you feel. Now this is a sad state of affairs and I do hope nothing like it will occur in 20 again. Having said enough about this affair, I will call your attention to a duty which a great many of us pay very little attention to,—the necessity of attending all meetings. Not one a month, but one a week, which is very little for any one of us to do. You should remember that the future of the union lies in what attention you give it. Remember in union there is strength, but it shows very little strength when you can't get over 20 or 30 brothers together at any one meeting. Of course I am fully aware of the fact that there are some who can't attend every meeting, but there are others who could and don't and have no excuse. There should be a fine put on them. We have brothers who are married and have a small family which no doubt takes up their spare time. I don't think it is their dear tootsey-wootsey who holds them back, for if the truth were known he no doubt is tired of seeing her make goo-goo eyes and is more interested in the two little cubs he has, one on each knee calling

him papa and Jake. We go up the street a little further and we find a larger family and you will find things just as interesting there as anywhere, for from the youngest to the oldest they can deal you as good a hand as you ever had and that don't keep the old man away from the meetings. We go up the street a little further and find no family but a warm welcome, and although he might go out shopping and get called down he has no excuse for not attending the meetings, for she would be glad to get rid of him every Tuesday night. Now I hope this will be enough for you all and I hope that I have left a good impression on all your minds and that you will all solemnly swear that you will never miss another meeting, may God bless you.

While patrolling my beat the other day, my attention was called to a peculiar thing, and I have been wondering ever since how long it will be before linemen will be taking the organ grinder's place. There was a lineman with a test box guaranteed to raise 38th st. and he was not working, but he was utilizing his spare moments practicing time notes and laughing to himself, which denotes happiness. I think he is going to practice "I can't tell how much I love you, but I do" very soon. That's the kind of a dope he is, anyhow.

There is one more thing I want to call your attention to. Keep away from Staten Island. There never was a lineman went down there yet who did not have to get his head shaved. I don't know why, but I imagine there's something in the air.

Yours fraternally,

T. J. C.,  
P. S. pro tem.

#### Local Union No. 21.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The time has arrived for another writing to our worthy journal and to let all brothers know how Local No. 21 is progressing after her uphill fight for three months. Well, brothers at large, we have one of the finest locals today in the I. B. E. W., as during our fight of three months we got rid of all the bad rubbish that was in the union, and what is left is of the best material and all have good cards. Those that are inclined to be a little slow are followed up and kept in line on the books.

We added material for two lights in our circuit last meeting and we have four more on deck, so you see we are doing business at the old stand, 814 Girard avenue. Any brother coming this way will find us doing business in the proper style on Friday night of each week.

We are on the hustle to have the largest representation of delegates at our next convention, in line with New York and Chicago; so look out, sister unions, for the

Quaker City. To floaters: our members are all working, and as there is a new phone line being put in at Camden, N. J., there is work to spare, should you come this way with a good card. The superintendent himself will demand that you have a good card, and if you have not the number of your room will continue to run high and you will enter it on the side.

Bro. Burns, in Camden, was instructed if he did not have that job all union it was not the superintendent's fault, but Bro. Burns is living up to his obligation and making it strictly union. If all linemen would take the same interest we would have one of the strongest unions of any craft over the United States and Canada.

Well, brothers, you will not have to keep on the lookout for J. Conway, the gent that ran away with the strike funds, as we have got him where the dogs won't bite him, and President McFadden will press the charges to the full extent of the law as this is his second offense. He acknowledged to the court that he disposed of \$106, but it was more as he received \$300 on Sunday and paid out some on Monday. The same night he got tangled in the wrong net and robbed the little ones of their bread and butter while their fathers were awaiting his return to pay the striking funds which were due them. The case went to the grand jury Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Well, brothers, we will give a smoker on Nov. 8. Will tell you in next issue if we live to get through it, as it will be a hot one, for everything goes. A good many floaters are among us and they are good union men; they make the scabs hop sideways.

The other day a scab asked a fellow scab: "Why don't that fellow speak to me? Why don't he notice me? What makes him walk away from me and leave me standing here alone? I never did anything to him." His fellow scab answers, "Why, don't you know that gang is a union gang, the best of linemen and are not afraid to lose a job when it comes their way; they are independent and don't have to be used as tools for any company like us fellows." But, brothers, continue doing this to the curs and keep them hopping. Our union is at its best; the strike built us as it has given us a clean union.

Our union has lost one of its worthy brothers, James Cronin, who expired at his home in Trenton, N. J. At our last meeting our charter was ordered draped for 30 days in memory of Bro. Cronin and resolutions adopted and spread on our minutes. The request of Bro. Cronin that Bros. Wm. McFadden and Wm. Godshell be pallbearers was granted. We certainly miss him from our ranks.

Yours fraternally,

P. S. Pro Tem.

#### Local Union No. 22.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Herewith find copy of the report of C. L. U. arbitration committee, appointed to try and settle the difficulty between Local Union No. 22 and the New Omaha Thompson and Houston Electric Light Co. Please publish same with this letter. The following ex-members have fines of \$60.00 against them: M. J. Curran, E. P. Truitt, Jas. Corr, W. E. Hays, Ed. Shields, J. S. Tobias, Adolph G. Henning, F. E. Ensminger. They were tried by a jury in accordance with the constitution.

The linemen of Omaha, So. Omaha and Council Bluffs have petitioned Local Union No. 22 for a separate union for linemen, which will not take in an ex-member or any lineman objectionable to Local Union 22. The petitioners have been granted the privilege of a charter on these grounds and feel it will strengthen union affairs in Omaha and vicinity.

Burton L. White, secretary of Local Union No. 18, K. C., is one of the best union men I know of and No. 18 will profit by having so stalwart a union man to assist them in building up their union. I wish you success, White. Prospects are bright for Omaha this winter; new members are coming right along. No. 22 is running on union principles now and should have been these many years past but, sorry to say, was not.

Am sorry so many supposed union men showed the white feather, but with a good insidemen's local and an outsidemen's local, Omaha will flourish as she never did before. Brothers, from now on attend all meetings and let's surge forward.

GEO. S. RUSSELL,  
Press Sec.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 2, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Omaha Central Labor Union:

Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to investigate the trouble between the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Company and the Electrical Union begs leave to report that we attended the meeting of the union last Wednesday evening, at which time there were some thirty or more members present who were agreed upon the statements herein contained.

The beginning of the trouble with this company was during the strike of last spring, at which time the settlement was made verbally, the company agreeing to pay the outside wiremen \$2.60 per day of nine hours, but they failed to keep their word in this matter and paid the men only \$2.50 per day of nine hours. The union at that time not being strong enough to force them to keep their agreement, the members were compelled to continue at work and at the company's price.

It was stated that the company would

under no conditions sign an agreement with or recognize the union. This we found to be the case when talking with Superintendent McManigle.

The members of the union state that the company employs non-union men and that they give them the preference. The company does employ non-union men and asks no questions as to whether the men who apply for work are union or non-union men and do not care. Mr. McManigle states that they do not care whether their men belong to the union or not, or whether they go into the union or not. He also states that the company does not give preference to non-union men. He appeared to dislike the union very much however; still he thought that unions were all right but that they were not run right.

The union states that the company sends out men to work among non-union men and that as other contractors, under their agreement, cannot do this, it works a hardship upon the others. This we found to be the case, as they made no distinction between men as to whether they were union men or not.

The members of the union state that the company sends out men on fair jobs to do the work at night with non-union men after the union men of the other trades have left. Mr. McManigle states that this was never done to his knowledge; but without admitting it he seemed to be very anxious to maintain conditions under which it might be done.

The members of the union state that the company does two-thirds to three-fourths of all the inside wiring in the city, and that as the conditions now are, the company controls this class of work. They also state that the prices at which work was taken under contract were cut to such a low figure as to make it practically impossible for the contractors to compete against the company, and that if this continues their wages are liable to be cut to a point much lower than they now are. They cite in proof of this that the contractors, in order to test this point, have made bids for work upon which they knew they would lose heavily, and still the company secured the work.

While last spring the company did treat with a committee from the union, they did not sign any written agreement with the union. They did, however, make a verbal agreement which they afterwards failed to keep. Now they do not want anything to do with the union and state that they cannot see wherein they have any business with the Central Labor Union. They claim that their men are satisfied and they can see no connection between their men and the other workers in the electrical trade in the city. They state that they do not wish for the union to dictate to them as to how they shall

conduct their business, and at the same time want to keep conditions such that they can dictate to the men in their employ and to the trade generally.

The union asks that they recognize and that they employ union men only, and that they sign an agreement to that effect, which they positively and emphatically decline to do. When it was brought to their attention that this position might injure their business with the workingmen, business men and general public, they stated that they were willing to abide by the consequences.

From appearances, it looks as though the men employed by the company were not acting in good faith with their union, and that had they stood solidly by the union, the company would not then make the claim that their men were satisfied, that the trouble was all brought about by men outside of their employ who were trying to dictate to them as to how they should conduct their business. It appears that these men in the employ of the company have failed to grasp the true idea of trade unionism, that they were organized to uphold the best interests of the trade and not the interests of a few workers at the trade only. Had these members stood solidly by the union it would have been much easier that such a result might have been reached.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Your committee finds:

1. That the company will under no circumstances sign an agreement with the Electrical Union.
2. That they will not under any circumstances recognize union labor or the union.
3. That the main question at issue is the recognition of the union, and with it the recognition of the fact that workingmen have rights which a corporation is bound to acknowledge and respect.

With the above showing your committee recommends that this body endorse the declaration of the Electrical Union, that the contracting department of the New Omaha T. H. Electric Light Company is unfair.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. McVEA,  
ASA TAYLOR,  
M. CAVANAUGH,  
Committee.

#### Local Union No. 27.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 22, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has been some time since you have heard from No. 27, and I am continually hearing complaints from the members because the news of our local does not appear more often in the Worker. Our press secretary, however, has a good excuse, for he met with a very severe accident and has not been able to write; but fortune has

favored the good brother and he is out again, but still using a cane.

Last Monday night, Oct. 15th, the wiremen withdrew their cards and organized a Wireman's Union, Bro. P. H. Wissinger, our grand treasurer, being present for the occasion. The union, No. 28, was duly organized, officers elected and installed in office.

Now the linemen and all outside electric workers are left in No. 27 with very bright prospects ahead to become the banner union of the I. B. E. W. It is something that a great many of the members have wanted for two or three years. Now, as they have accomplished their desire, the intention is to make Baltimore a complete union city. The linemen expect to come together in Baltimore the same as I have heard through Grand Treasurer Wissinger they did in Washington. All linemen look alike in Washington, and that is the way they will look in Baltimore, I hope, very soon.

This week the C. & P. Telephone Co. laid off 29 of their men. I cannot understand why they did this, but I expect they have a reason: I hope the lay off will not be for any great length of time.

The city is now making preparations to compel the different companies to put all wires under ground. The Maryland Telephone Co. will be installed in their new central nine-story building by the first of 1901. It will be the first company to go under ground. They have the latest improved underground system, the Kellogg, which I understand is now in operation in Chicago. The Maryland Telephone Co. will be installed with 3,000 subscribers, a very creditable start. It is to be hoped the citizens of Baltimore will give the opposition a fair chance, as this company is paying better salaries in all branches than any company in Baltimore, and charge less for their service and will give better satisfaction.

Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPILLMAN,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 29.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 29 is still doing business at the same old stand. We admitted a new member last week, Dan Frazer, and the prospect is good for another next week.

Our past president, Bro. Dunn, paid us a visit last week, and gave us an address on unionism; he also said there was work for three union men in Mount Vernon, with the telephone company. He didn't get them from here because we are all working.

Bro. Milligan, our treasurer, has gone to Philadelphia to work, and of course could not afford to come to Trenton every week to attend our meetings. We elected Bro.

H. Waters to the office; we hated to lose Bro. Milligan, as we need all the members we can get.

Bro. Hulford had the misfortune to lose his left leg in an accident while at work in Bethlehem. He was pushing a gang for the Western Union one morning, and when the gang got on the job they found they were short of a hand-ax. Billy went back to the station, a couple of miles, to get it, catching a passenger to go after it, but in coming back he didn't wait for the passenger; but hopped on a freight, which was going at a good clip, and in jumping off he ran into a signal-post with such force that it threw him back under the wheels of the train. He is out now and looking well. The boys have got books out for him to raise enough money to buy him an artificial leg. Bro. Hulford was one of the strikers during the Bell difficulty, and he went out just as soon as the order to "Come out boys" was given.

The Electric Light Co. is building some country lines for about 24 miles, and the Home Telephone Co. is getting ready to string some new cable.

Brothers, election is over. Go to work with a will and let's have no hard feelings because your man didn't win. Hoping we don't have any strikes for another year, I remain, Fraternally, SPLINTER,  
Press Sec'y.

#### Local Union No. 30.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 30 has no press secretary and the boys have asked me to write a few lines to let the brothers know how we are getting along. At present our local is in a very prosperous condition. We met last night, initiated five candidates and received four applications. We have had initiations at every meeting for some time and it looks as though No. 30 was going to rank among the first. For about three years we were on the eve of despair and could hardly get a quorum together, but now the meetings are pretty well attended though they could be better. Work at present is not very brisk, but there are no men idle. Wages are not what they ought to be, nor do I think they will be until the working class see their own folly. In organization lies our only hope. Capital combines to increase wealth so why should we not organize to better our conditions? They will talk prosperity to you and the full dinner pail, but in how many instances have wages been increased voluntarily? They are very few. Prosperity is for the few and the masses are struggling for an existence—always will be so unless workmen organize so they can demand what is right. I do not believe in strikes, that they are the best ways to settle grievances, but, as ex-Gov. Stone writes in the Oct. Worker, called "The Strike Question," that each

state should have an arbitration board and that any grievance between employees and employers should be brought before this board and their decision be final. I don't see why this can't be done. We live in a country where the majority rules. If we, the working people, would place candidates in the field who would work for our interests and then support them with our ballots our conditions could be very much improved.

Our worthy president resigned and Bro. J. H. Berkely was elected to fill the unexpired term. Bro. Berkely, being recording secretary, that office was declared vacant and Bro. Stinchfield was elected to fill the unexpired term. Bro. Wright was elected to fill the unexpired term of treasurer, as our former treasurer, J. P. Williams, left us and went to Buffalo. May success go with him.

Yours in the cause of labor,  
WM. PRICE.

#### Local Union No. 31.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As time again comes for the P. S. to get in his scrib, I endeavor to make this, my third letter to the Worker, an interesting one.

Our dance, Oct. 18, proved the most successful undertaking Local 31 ever undertook, and most likely our neighboring locals have seen something of it in their papers. We had, all told, 800 incandescent lamps glowing at certain times. Four hundred were wired along the balcony; they were colored red, white and blue, and were connected to a revolving switch, an invention of Bro. Hibbard, and were made to run along the line like a flash of lightning; first starting at both ends, twice running to the center, then, parting in the center, running to the ends, then finally all lighting at once. Then there were four rows of Chinese lanterns, each having a lamp in it, strung across the hall over the gallery; besides these there were red, white and blue lamps wired to the four arches at the top of the hall; over the orchestra was a sign with the word "Welcome" on it made of incandescent lamps. Well, anyway, the papers stated that Duluth has never witnessed anything like that before.

Local 31 is doing pretty well for an election year. The brothers are all busy with the exception of a few who have laid off for a hunting trip. We have had a slight snow-fall during the night and cold weather is showing up.

Another four years of the full dinner pail is the cry of everybody on the streets, and horns are still blowing to-night. Immense crowds were watching the bulletin boards last night as the returns came in and were advertised. Bands were parading the streets until 4 o'clock this morning. Outside of that election passed rather

smoothly. Well, I will have to open the circuit; it is getting late; and I feel somewhat blue from last night.

Fraternally yours,  
A. RICHTER.

#### Local Union No. 35.

Massillon, O., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I will now say a few words to let the brothers know how we are progressing in Local 35. We are almost through with the work in this town, and it is only a matter of a week or so until we shall be leaving here. We are having a lot of work to do in the way of fitting up our hall for a grand ball and electrical display on Friday, the 8th inst., and I am sure it will be a grand success and add credit to our good name, which we already have in Massillon. Bros. Dooly, Smith and Farrell, of Local 38, arrived here to-night to assist us in the work. We expect to have a large and a nice crowd, and we will have a number of the brothers from Cleveland down to see what we can do in the way of a ball. We are having a little trouble in getting material and current for our display, but we have got things moving along nicely now, and by a little hard work we will have everything in good shape by Friday evening. Hoping you will give this space in your valuable paper, I remain,

Fraternally yours,  
H. J. SUTHERLAND,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 37.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

McKinley wins in a walk. It will be a pleasure to see (but will we?) this great American country prosper under four years more of republican administration. I wonder if our great American eagle would not scream as loudly, and the stars and stripes wave as defiantly in the noon-day breezes over this great people if Bryan had been elected? Life is too short for us common people to worry ourselves much about the affairs of state, and the only consolation that the ordinary individual has is that which has been held out to us in the event of republican success, a full dinner pail. A little story comes to me, with the idea of the full dinner pail. I once knew a young lady, and the most particular feature about her was her ability to cook a very toothsome meal. I made it my particular business to become as familiar with her as I dared, but in an unguarded moment I made myself obnoxious to her. She politely held to the fact that my display of affection had its starting point in my stomach. During the recent campaign, where the full dinner pail was held up as one of the great features, the poor workingman's vote most likely started where the contents of his full

dinner pail was most likely to lodge. As I said before, life is too short, etc.; yet I could not but feel somewhat sympathetic on account of the tired feeling and the far-away look depicted in the countenances of some of my friends who stood about the bulletin board and watched the returns coming in so disastrous to their longing expectations and fondest gaze. It was all over in nearly as short a time as it takes me to tell about it, and whether we like it or not we must be content.

I was informed some time since of the poor use I was making of my long evenings and of my new writing desk. I was in hopes that some greater mind than mine would aspire to the honor of correspondent, and allow me to rest with the laurels of past achievements upon my head, to take the place of falling hairs, in the service. As no one seems to volunteer I suppose I must continue until the few remaining hairs turn the color that commands so much respect.

Our grand president paid us a visit and attended one of our regular meetings. The boys were pleased to see him and to listen to his entertaining remarks. On his way to Boston from New York, later, I expected to see him, but was out of town when he called; have been in communication with him since. He informs me that conditions are not what they should be at Boston and hopes some effort will be made in the near future to put us on a better footing there.

Local 37 is in hopes of building up the organization to the full limit this season. Next month we hold a dance. The committee are working to make the affair a success, and from past experience we have every reason to believe that it will be.

A few out of town brothers are working in this vicinity, and business is generally good here. News reaches me occasionally from Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury, where things are moving along as favorably as could be expected.

Our treasurer, Bro. Herbert, and Financial Sec'y Tracy recently took their annual day's hunting. It was reported that there was lots of game still in the vicinity of Rocky Hill, even though the air was filled with powder smoke and the trees riddled with No. 2 shot. There was something about a dog I had almost forgotten. I don't like to tell it; nice dog. Say, Herbert has signed—the pledge? Oh, no; only a little certificate, and when this turns up in the Worker he will have occasion to read it by his own fireside. Good luck, Tom. I know the few remaining days are eager ones, and I know with what reluctance you part with your bachelor apartments. They will miss you, I am sure, at the Hotel de Long, and it will be our pleasure some day to see you pushing a little wagon down Main St. to the office.

The French Cable Co. has installed a new office here. M. J. McCue has been

secured as chief operator and Geo. T. Dennis will look after maintenance of the company's plant.

All the boys busy in this vicinity. The weather is fine.

Fraternally,  
SHEEHAN.

#### Local Union No. 38.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 14, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

In another column will be found resolutions of sympathy adopted by the local on the death of the wife of Charles Gabriel.

Bro. Gabriel had made application to our local and was to be initiated when this sad affair came upon him. The local presented to him a card and balance of initiation fee. We expect to initiate him Tuesday.

I am instructed to enter a strong protest against the issuance of a charter to the colored applicants of the "Sunny South;" also to commend the E. B. for their promptness in revoking charter as was noted in the Worker. Trusting you will note same, I am,

Fraternally yours,  
E. B. HORNE,  
Press Sec.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has rolled away and again it is time to send in the items of interest pertaining to electrical work in this city. I can report that we at present have more work than men. This past week several of the contractors were tied up for men, and if business keeps up this way our local will have to try to find some good journeymen. Any traveling brother with a paid-up card can go to work. I notice when work is slack there are all kinds of traveling members stopping off here, but when we are real busy you can not find one in sight.

The past month several brothers of our local took out their traveling cards. Bros. Dan Southeimer and Bradigan went to New York City, and a letter from Local No. 3 states that the brothers have been accepted there. Good luck to you, old scouts. Bro. William Dixon, our ex-financial secretary, has gone to Buffalo.

Two new candidates were initiated lately and three more will be accepted as soon as they pass the examining board.

Bro. Clark, who has been very sick the past four weeks, is getting better and will soon be out and ready for work again.

Bro. Jack Boyd got married last week and he and his bride are on a bridal tour to Yellowstone Park. They will make Cleveland their home. Allow us to congratulate you, Jack; but how about that box of ro-centers? I guess we got them coming yet already.

Got a letter from our grand president, and he says he will be with us on Nov. 6, election night. Good! I think there will

be a hot time on election night. Our Georgian Bay mayor has ordered all the saloons closed from 12 o'clock, midnight, Nov. 5th, until 5 o'clock in the morning Nov. 7th. This is something which was never done before in the history of Cleveland and I doubt if the saloons will obey his lordship's orders. Guess he is paving his way for another term as mayor. Well, this is about all the news for this month.

Yours fraternally,  
FRANK C. HEGENER,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 39.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the October letter was overlooked I will try and be on time for this publication. I will not send the news now a month old. As this is the first time I have failed to write since I was elected to the office of press secretary in either Local 38 or 39, I hope my small error will be overlooked.

The present conditions of trade in Cleveland are very slack. Whether the presidential election on Nov. 6th will make a change remains to be seen. By the time the journal is printed we will know the results. Some, no doubt, will be happy, but others will be sad on account of their favorite being defeated. The intense excitement created throughout the country by both political parties no doubt will make a very close election, or else it will be a slide for life in favor of one of the favorites. So on election day take the right course and vote as your own mind directs you; don't be persuaded to vote against your principles.

The members of No. 39 who are doing underground work are forming a local of their own. They have already applied for a charter from headquarters, and will organize as soon as it arrives. With their organization the electrical trade in Cleveland will be well represented by three locals of the I. B. E. W., and one composed of helpers chartered by the American Federation of Labor, No. 8437. The good work that has been done in the past is showing good returns now. The old members who started this good missionary work some time ago can feel proud of their task. But then again, it makes them feel sorry when a few new lights want to be the whole thing. These new lights have been captured after a deal of hard work, and are young in the business; their carbons have not burnt up to the full candle-power; they are a little wild; but after their load becomes a little heavier they will not go so fast. The two old locals in Cleveland have grown up among all kinds of hardships, but to-day they have a sound footing and a good membership. In fact, no matter where you go you can hear the question? "Did you attend 39's meeting when you were in Cleveland, and did you see their



goat work?" and the answer will be, "I did see that goat perform."

The general growth of the Brotherhood has been wonderful since the last convention, and it is due to the good and faithful work of our grand officers. The members of the Executive Board are scattered over a large section of this country, and they should take pride in trying to get this section of the country organized. It is impossible for them to visit all the cities and towns in their territory, but the ones close by should be well organized. You notice in the columns of the journal where some members of the Brotherhood drop into a town and find a number of electrical workers there, but unorganized. His first thought is to get them together, and he starts out to do so. He works overtime to accomplish it. Then he sends for a charter and lines up one more local. Now this local is enrolled on our books at headquarters. But it has not cost the Brotherhood a large expense account as has been published in our monthly expense. It's true we need organizers, and good ones, to help our cause; but when they get that greedy desire to make all kinds of capital by organizing an extra local in their own town I think it should be stopped.

The letter from Local No. 41 of Buffalo in last month's journal has caused quite a lot of inquiry into various sections of the Constitution. But if they will consult their Constitution, page 16, Art. XIV, section 4, no doubt they will get the necessary information. In regard to that examining board of their local; they have a perfect right to have one, but the question is this: A member arrives in Buffalo and gets employment at electrical work (inside) and goes before this board of examiners and fails to answer all their questions. What is the result? (Does he receive a helper's card?) This applicant has been a member of the Brotherhood for some years, and has had the misfortune to work in small towns where in reality the work has not been changed for a great number of years. In answering questions the best-learned member will fall down, because the question comes to him in an off-handed manner, and not having the answer on the end of his tongue he is charged with a miss. Were the applicant given time and some practical work to do, he no doubt could show some of the board of examiners where they were wrong.

The locals that make a strong examination of all applicants in regard to their work are the ones that make the best showing. Now, the electrical work in different cities is done under different rules. Some work under the rules of the Board of Electricity of the city, while other cities and towns work according to the National Board of Underwriters' rules, and still others make their own private rules to work by. It is at this present time that Local

No. 41 wants to protect herself against foreign work. Which is right? I would like to see them control the work on those Exposition buildings with an iron hand, but I think it would be no more than just for their P. S. to explain a little more through the journal their trade rules.

The members of Massillon No. 35 are preparing to have a good time at their annual dance on Friday, the 9th of November. They have borrowed the set pieces from the Cleveland locals. The boys from 38 and 39 are going to attend. From all accounts they are preparing to have a good time.

The following paragraph was clipped from a local paper:

G. H. Gleason, of Cleveland, O., representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 39, of which the late Wm. Gillespie, who met such a terrible death in this city last Friday, was a member, arrived here Sunday noon and attended the funeral at Kanger & Farley's undertaking parlors, and also accompanied the remains to Homer, where interment occurred yesterday morning in Mt. Hope cemetery at that place. The services at the grave were conducted by Elder Jones of the Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were: V. D. Simons, E. H. Gleason, Don Cole, Chas. Wood, Jas. Wilson, Wm. Gilbert. Mrs. Gillespie, the bereaved widow, wishes to especially thank the members of the I. B. E. W. in this city, and the Citizens' Electric Co., for material aid and the many kindnesses shown her in her recent afflictions. The Brotherhood, which has 150 locals in good standing throughout the country, makes it their special duty to look after the sick and help the needy of the order.

On Sept. 15, 1900, while at work on the lines of the Citizens' Electric Light and Power Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., Bro. Bert Gillespie met with an accident which resulted in death. The deceased brother was changing a cross-arm at the corner of Jefferson and Market streets, and in changing his position about the top of the pole he came in contact with a pair of 2270-volt alternators and received the load of the line direct in the right side of his body, which was burnt from the hips to the shoulders. The left hand was also badly burnt. When the deceased was taken down life was extinct. The workmen with him did all in their power to cut him loose, but their efforts were of no avail. The officers of Local No. 39 were notified of his death and took action to see that the remains were suitably buried. There were a few members of the Brotherhood working in Battle Creek at the time, where there is no local. They showed their appreciation by following the remains to the grave. All the employees of the various companies in Battle Creek sent floral offerings.

Local 39 donated \$25 to the brothers in

Galveston who met with misfortune. The books which Bro. Wright, "Old Crip," sent, have been disposed of. I wish you luck, old pal; some day you might strike it lucky again and then you can help some other unfortunate who has met with hard luck.

GEO. H. GLEASON,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 41.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

There is no rush of work in Buffalo nor near to it, excepting the Pan-American exposition. We recommend to those who wish to work at the Pan-Am. to send their names to the grand secretary at Rochester, N. Y., or our local secretary, H. M. Scott, Buffalo, N. Y., so we will have a list to draw from should an extra call for men come. The Pan-Am. is a strictly union job and nothing but a paid-up card will pass. Our initiation fee is \$15.00; \$10.00 to admit a traveling card, and everyone must go before our examining board. Dues are \$1.00. It is our desire to increase our standard.

Our business agent gives good service. We are outgrowing our meeting-rooms, have to hang new members on the wall and double deck two on a chair. We may move. We would build—dear.

We want everybody to know that our faithful financial secretary, H. M. Scott, is willing to go before the next annual convention as candidate for grand secretary.

Now, remember if you come to work on the Pan-Am. you will be required to climb all over the outside of those towers without a ladder or scaffold, like Brownies.

I. T. HEINZ,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 49.

Chicago, Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 49 is forging to the front. At our last meeting we enrolled four new members. They are Wm. Hogan, Chas. Russell, John Hurley and Frank Engle. Now, brothers, you don't want to miss a meeting from now on, that is, if you wish to keep up to the times in your line of business, for our local has started a school of instruction on arc lamps; everything new in the line of lamps will be before you at each meeting, for we have a live committee on electrical subjects. So it will be money in your pockets to attend the meetings and get this knowledge, for an experienced and competent man is always in demand.

We are to have a stag party, and invite all arc-lamp trimmers in and around Chicago to be present. To make this stag a success we must have talent and performers. So, if you can get some volunteers to assist, notify the chairman, F. Wm. Yader. He promises smokes and refreshments galore. So advertise it among the trimmers.

It behooves all members to aid the committee. Now hustle; let's make a good thing of this undertaking. It's a good time for all. Advertise it well among the Edison, Commonwealth and park trimmers. Say, have you seen the great Martin and his boy helper? Ain't they a team for the vaudeville. W. Dempsey, accept congratulations. J. Rierdon, some of the boys wonder if you are still a member. Show yourself and prove that you are. Hoping that all brothers will take active interest in our local affairs, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

F. J. STRUBLE.

#### Local Union No. 54.

Columbus, O., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With the roar of the great battle won last Tuesday, No. 54 is progressing nicely and is one of the leading labor locals of the Buckeye State. Every brother is working, and all seem satisfied, yet there are some few forget we still have good meetings every two weeks at Hellerman Hall, 180½ E. Town street, with President Patsy Kneeland at the bat and Jas. Shea on deck. Wake up, boys; the string hangs on the outside of the door. Bro. Charles Baughman has gone to the Lone-Star State for his health. He has the best wishes of No. 54. Wake up, Charles, and tell us how it happened in the sunny South. Bro. Fisher, who was thrown from a pole some time ago, is seen walking around. With best wishes to all locals I will close the circuit. I remain, Fraternal yours,

A. T. W.

#### Local Union No. 59.

Chicago, Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Last July we elected a press sec., and although he said he'd write he always failed to send in a letter. Now, as Bro. Struble, of L. U. No. 49, has called our attention to the fact, I think myself it would be a good idea for some brother to volunteer, as he would be more apt to write than a brother who is elected to fill the office; and it's the duty of the press sec. to endeavor to have a letter for the Worker every month.

L. U. No. 59 is progressing slowly but surely. We initiated two members last month, have changed our headquarters and meet at No. 126 Washington St. every Thursday evening, and would be pleased to have the brothers give us a call.

I would like to ask through this journal how the brothers of No. 59 who left Chicago to find employment are getting along. Hello! Bros. Chas. Cunnard, Clyde Smith, John Trotter, Albert Uhl and E. R. Averies. Why don't you drop us a line and let us know all about your "prosperity," or are you still prospecting?

There's no use talking the election went

my way—"nit." And, by the way, I will ring off and take my candidates' lithographs down, they are two days overdue. Like many others, I shouted for the cause I thought was right, but, as Bryan said, "Let it be the brightest plume of my life not that I was the last to desert it, but that I never deserted it." Respy.

THOS. F. CUMMINGS.

#### Local Union No. 60.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Trying to keep track of too many irons in the fire at the same time prevented my getting a letter in last month's Worker, but under the influence of a committee of strong armed members I will endeavor to fill space in this month's issue and inflict on the brothers a few more of the ravings, which some of the boys say I should be hung for.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to inform the Brotherhood that No. 60 is the proud possessor of thirty lady members, and claims the distinction of being the second local of electrical workers to take in the operators of the telephone exchange. Would that all locals would do likewise wherever there is an exchange.

The state scale of wages and hours adopted at the Waco convention last month was presented to the different companies here on the 15th day of October, giving them five days to consider it, at the end of which time we were to walk out unless the scale was granted. At the request of the business men of the city we postponed taking action on their answer until after the close of the annual fair, Nov. 2.

On Nov. 3, at 12 o'clock, having received no answer from the companies, the word was given and every electrical worker in the city walked out, completely killing the telephone service of the Southwestern, for up to the present writing there is nothing doing, though the company has managed to import a few girls from Austin and other places, and they have not been able to get them into the exchange yet as they are afraid to risk letting them out of their rooms at the hotel for fear the poor things might get lost.

On all sides are heard expressions of sympathy from the business men, over three hundred having ordered their phones removed until the strike is satisfactorily settled, and they are preparing to take action toward bringing the Southwestern to time.

The linemen of the National Construction Co., which is putting in the new telephone system here, are also out with every prospect of a good settlement, as the superintendent of that company stated that he would not work a scab.

All the contracting firms have adopted the new scale and everything is serene with the inside wiremen.

In marked contrast with the action of the Southwestern Tel. Co., I now present the action of the Electric Light and Traction Co., of which Mr. E. H. Jenkins is president and general manager. When our committee called on him for his answer they were received with the greatest courtesy and consideration and after a conference or two to adjust minor details he readily signed the scale. To say that Mr. Jenkins has the respect and good will of his employees is putting it very mildly, for during his administration he has always shown his readiness to treat with committee or individual and see that justice was done.

Since my last letter our local has grown to pretty large proportions, and it has now come to pass that there is not an electrical worker in the city who is not a member of our local, but with all our joy there is a tinge of sadness, for we have once more been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our staunchest members, Bro. Paschal Jacks. Enclosed please find a set of resolutions adopted by this local.

Bro. Jacks was killed by the overturning of the town wagon of the traction company, and Bro. Wash Dubrosky, who was at work with him at the time, was very badly hurt and is now in the hospital in a pretty serious condition.

Another inmate at the hospital is Bro. Johnny McCarty who, while at work on a 35-foot pole, got mixed up with 2000 and, but for the presence of mind of Bro. Herring, who happened to be near him at the time, he would have been another to add to our already long list of casualties this year.

Now, Bro. Editor, this seems to be pretty near an overload for once. I will have to shut down for the present.

Yours fraternally,

DUCK,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 6x.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Los Angeles, Nov. 5, 1900.

We are now on the fifth week of our strike and the only thing to break the tranquility was the death of our esteemed Bro. Howard E. Edwards. He passed away on the 27th of last month. He was our worthy treasurer, and by his death we have lost one of our most active members. His last message to the boys was to stand to the last for \$3 and eight hours. We laid him to rest in Rosedale cemetery, a loving brother and a true friend. We hear sensational reports daily that one or more of the companies have secured from one to fifty men in different cities to take our places. Of course we take all this with a "grain of salt," yet we want to impress on all brothers the necessity of keeping men away from here until officially notified through these columns that the strike is

off. We have had no deserters from our ranks, and our courage is above par, and all the boys are standing "pat." There is one contractor in this town who has not signed the inside-men's agreement, or is paying the scale of wages set by the union, and said he don't intend to. That contractor has the lighting companies back of him. They hold the threat over his head that if he signs the agreement he will get no more work from them; and I will say that between the lighting companies and the union men Mr. Contractor has cold feet. The boys succeeded in getting two non-union men away from him and will do their best to get the others.

Faternally yours,

J. JACKSON,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 65.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Having been elected to fill the office of press sec., Bro. Briggs having gone to Helena, will endeavor to perform the duties assigned me. In order to make my first article somewhat interesting have, by means of a little deception, secured a picture of a group of scabs employed by the Rocky Mountain Bell Tel. Co., from which I had a half-tone cut made for the Worker, but as it is not very plain will withhold it and endeavor to secure a complete group, together with the name and initials of every scab employed by the Tel. Co.

Since the last letter from 65, Mr. Murray, general superintendent of the Tel. Co. of Salt Lake, has been on the scene, having first sent two men from Salt Lake, Bros. Collett and Holmes, members of Local 57, here to go to work, assuring them there was no official strike and that the men had all left town. These brothers evidently preferred Mr. Murray's word to the statement of our president, Bro. J. W. Davidson, to Local 57, two weeks previous, setting forth our position as clear as possible, stating the first cause of the difficulty was practically settled, the man "Reed" having left town at once, but that the Tel. Co. demands the right to pass upon the qualifications of men they employ, and if in their opinion the men are competent the union must admit them. The brothers admitted being familiar with the contents of this letter, yet notwithstanding all this they came here to go to work. However, upon their arrival they found the strike a real live issue. These men failing to go to work, Mr. Murray started for Butte, at the same time requesting an audience with the local. Accordingly, a committee consisting of Pres. Jas. Davidson, Bros. Chas. H. Dodd and E. M. Barrett, was appointed to confer with him in conjunction with the arbitration committee of the Building Trades Council, which had the matter in charge and had made repeated efforts to

get some fair proposition from the Tel. Co., but of no avail. Bro. A. B. Elliott was a member of this committee.

The joint committee was with Mr. Murray for two hours, during which time every point raised by him was met with such forcible argument by the committee that he was often left groping at random for some point on which to base further argument. He finally conceded the right of passing on the men, but insisted on the union admitting two switchboard men who are scabbing and allow them to remain in their positions, which the committee would not agree to.

On the following day, at his request, Bros. Elliott and Davidson again met Mr. Murray, but nothing was accomplished. On the next day Mr. Murray witnessed the parade of the six thousand brawny sons of toil, men of iron principle, men who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, men who would cheerfully sacrifice their time, their hard-earned savings, their homes, aye, even their lives, that justice may be meted out to their fellowmen. Six thousand honest workers whose full endorsement of our position in this matter we hold in proper form.

Mr. Murray while in Butte likened one of the committee to a stone wall and other members to stones in the wall. Mr. Murray will find that, while the union has at all times been more than willing to settle on any fair basis, as long as the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co. continues such demands of this union, every one of the six thousand workers who afforded the imposing spectacle witnessed by him will remain a stone in the same wall.

After taking on board a modern cargo of cocktails, Scotch high-balls, whisky straights and a few other mixtures peculiar to Butte, Mr. Murray left for Salt Lake, we trust a wiser if not a sober man.

Up to this time there has been no violence of any kind attempted. The few scabs who have been brought here have not been interfered with in any way and we have won the sympathy and approval of the general public by the manner in which the strike has been conducted. Twenty-five or thirty men have arrived here at various times since the strike was called. Some were union men, some were not and several of them were stranded. A few were hired to go to work, to whom the brothers would explain the situation, give them a few square meals and a traveling stake and send them on their way. Not one has failed to play the part of men up to this time except those who worked there before or who have been in the employ of the company elsewhere, principally in the capacity of managers of small exchanges.

Steps are now being taken to secure an opposition exchange, which has every assurance of success. Some of the leading business men are back of the project.

The condition is such in Butte that no unfair telephone company can survive when it is possible to furnish a substitute.

The following lights have been added to our grand circuit: O. E. Woodard, C. E. Mitchell, Thomas Shaban, W. E. Small, Frank Caldwell, L. W. Lowell, Frank Sullivan by card from No. 24, and Thomas Dwyer by withdrawal card from this local.

CHAS. H. CANSEY,  
Press. Sec.

### Local Union No. 66.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It has again come time for me to donate a short piece for the benefit of our valuable journal. Since my last letter to the Worker everything has drifted along very smoothly. However, at present things are not as pleasant as they should be. Trouble is brewing over the entire state. Trouble is still going on at Waco, and prospects are very good at several other places from what I can hear. The papers say prospects are good for a general strike in the electrical business over the entire state and I would advise brothers to keep away from this part of the country for a while, until better feeling is effected with the different companies, especially the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co.

Waco is having a hard struggle, but from what I can learn, the two telephone companies are having a much harder time than the boys are, for the union has not much cash invested so does not have to worry much because they have plenty of financial aid behind them and can live for a long time to come. It is true that the telephone companies have more money than the union, but they have not the physical strength with which to fight the union.

There has been several rumors afloat here that No. 60, of San Antonio, would go out Saturday, Nov. 3, at noon. How true this is we will know on that date; I, for one, think that rumor is true. Success to you, boys, that is the best and surest plan to win, because then you show them how strong you are and that you are not afraid of them.

Aside from these troubles there is little news here at present. However, there may be plenty in the near future.

Bro. Ernest H. Meeks, traveling electrician for the Sherlock Holmes Co., of No. 80, Norfolk, Va., was in our city a few days ago and made the acquaintance of several of the members of 66. I am sorry to say I did not have the honor of meeting the brother. The boys all say he is a union man from the word go, and a gentleman with it. Bro. Meeks missed his train the next morning after the show and was with us a day longer than we expected. Good luck to you, brother.

Our membership continues to grow. We are taking in operators and linemen as fast as they come in and go to work for the different companies. We are losing a few by cards, but we know that other unions will take care of them.

We had a rousing special meeting to-night with almost every chair in the hall occupied, and there was not a sister present. Not that the sisters have lost interest in the union, for they have not, but as we could not get a large enough and nice enough place for them we will have another special tomorrow night and then they will turn out in large numbers.

Bro. H. G. Alexander, who has been confined to his bed for some time with typhoid fever, is able to be at work again. Bro. Rutledge has also been on the sick list for several days and is able to be out again. Otherwise, I believe all the boys are enjoying good health.

The Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co. made quite a change in the territory trouble men today. They changed that department from the hands of the superintendent of the Southern division to the local exchange. This lets three good members of 66 out. However, it will make more work for the city gang and of course it will require more men to do the work. We hope that the brothers who were let out will be put where they can do business at the same old stand.

Well, this is all for this time, so out goes the lights.

GEO. D. CROSSLEY,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 68.

Denver, Col., Nov. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I think it is time we had a few lines in the Worker, and hope our brotherhood will forgive us for not having one sooner, but I am strange here and hardly know the outlines, but will try and tell what I have seen and heard. In the first place, I want to say that No. 68 is about as strong as any local in the country. I was really surprised to see so strong a local. The beauty of it and the reason we succeed is because we all pull together. I would like to see any man try to work on the new work here without his card, and that is the way it ought to be every place. All it takes, boys, is united fellowship and a determination to pull together, and you cannot help but succeed. We had, I mean, rather, the mill men had a trial not long ago. A certain boss was paying the wages and working the hours, but he would not recognize the union, and he said all he wanted was five minutes' notice of a strike; well, the boys gave him his stated time and went out, but how he did weaken. If I am not mistaken, it only took him one day to find his mistake, and you can imagine the result. We have a business agent here who

is a hustler, and the way he traps bosses who try to cop a sneak on him is comical. They have to get up very early in the morning to steal a march on our faithful Bro. C. B. Thorne. I wish Cin., or No. 30, would get a hustler like him. I know it would prove beneficial to the local. As 30 is my home local I am anxious to hear and see it prosper. I do hope it won't be much longer before I will hear that No. 30 is working eight hours and getting a nice scale of wages. There are some, in fact all I know in No. 30 are hustlers, and good men, and if they will only get their shoulders to the wheel I feel confident that they can bring those bosses to time. Cin. has as much work to do as any city, and there is no reason why they should not pay for it, which I am sure they do, but it is natural if a boss can hold you down, especially there, he will do so. They want it all. Now, I do hope the boys will all fall in line. I have just thought of a novel scheme. If every member would try his best to bring one new man into the fold, what a strong body you would be. I know of lots of good men who are still on the outside, and if you will get them all in I feel confident you can make the bosses meet you at least half way. I see you have a letter in the Worker from a faithful member, which is all O. K. I have been studying, but cannot think who it is from. I notice he is shooting about 220 volts into Bro. Jack; well, I know he means all right, and I think it will have a good effect. I know Raymond can put it all over me when it comes to writing, and I trust I will hear from him through the next Worker. Good luck to all the boys of No. 30.

Returning home again, I will say we have Bro. Dougherty here and he is a pretty sick man and it is impossible for him to work. He deserves to be mentioned as he is a good union man, and anything done for him will certainly be appreciated I know.

At our last meeting the subject of Chicago and New York locals was discussed. Now I, and I guess the rest of us, don't understand their methods. I, for the good of No. 68, am looking for information, and if any brother can explain why they have a re-examination and boost the initiation fee so high to a brother that goes there I can't see through. If any of those same brothers came here I suppose they would want us to pay the difference to him. We are all at sea on this question, and I hope some one will explain it to us, as it will confer a favor on No. 68. If any member of the locals mentioned should see this I hope they will not overlook it; we are entitled to the information and know we will receive same.

As there is no more news at this writing I will close the circuit, but I expect it will be open a long time next Tuesday, and I do hope all the Brotherhood know which

side their bread is buttered, and work that way. Our present officers are:

President—A. J. Clark.

V.-Pres.—A. J. Godare.

Sec.—A. E. Ehrardt.

Fin. Sec.—C. B. Thorne.

Treas.—C. D. Doss.

Foreman—Harry Sherman.

Ins.—Misses Ryan and Allen.

Hoping to see the Brotherhood prosper is the desire of this local.

Yours fraternally,  
W. H. ANDERSON,  
P. S. Pro Tem.

#### Local Union No. 70.

Cripple Creek, Col., Nov. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Although I neglected writing a letter for the Worker last month, I will do better this month and try and give the brothers an idea of what is going on up in this high "multitude." Lots of light air and mountain scenery. Well, we have had our first snow storm, and I guess all of the brothers who are working outside were pretty well aware of the fact a fine morning last week that winter was once more upon us.

Work is very dull in the district just at present, but hope it may pick up after Bryan is elected. I regret very much to say that Bro. John Randle is going to leave us the 10th of this month. He has a place offered him in Quebec; is not positive whether he will accept it or not. I think the brother will leave with the best wishes of all the members of No. 70. I am sorry to see that one of our brothers is so easily influenced as to be persuaded to vote for McKinley after having the superintendent of the company he is working for give him a talk, but I guess some of the brothers are bound to go wrong in spite of all we can do. We have been having lots of cigars to smoke lately, as our president, Bro. Ed Warner, was married the other week, and also Bro. Ben Wheeler. We all wish them much happiness in years to come, and that all their troubles may be little ones.

Everyone must begin to make preparations, for No. 70 is going to give a ball.

With best wishes I am,

Fraternally yours,  
TAYLOR CHUM,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 73.

Spokane, Nov. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Was very sorry that I failed to send my news last month, but was not in the city until the last of the month and did not know what was going on.

Everything about Spokane is moving on very nicely. Bro. Denman, who was away from us for thirty days, we are very glad to say is once more in our midst daily. Very sorry to say that Lineman Hoyt, who has only worked for the Light Co. a short

time, is in the hospital from the effect of appendicitis, and another lineman, who only worked about twenty days in October, whose name is Bowman, had the misfortune of having a 40-foot pole fall over with him, hurting his hip very bad, but not serious, and hopes to be around shortly.

I was discharged from the Telephone Co. Oct. 28th and went to work for a white-man's firm—the Washington Water-Power Co.—discharged from the 'Phone for asking for a 25c. per day raise, and after going to work for the Light they tried to keep me on the move, but after informing the 'Phone that I would not stand anything of that kind, they very readily squared the thing up. If there ever were union men that are white and made of the right stuff, and stand willing not to allow a brother to be given the short end of anything, they are the gainers of the Light Co. of Spokane—but not the linemen of the I. T. & T. Co., Spokane; and I mean just what I say and can very easily prove the same from the last thirty-days' outcome. I do not wish any man to put himself out for another, but if we wish to try and rule any kind of wages we must stand together—just when he needs you most, don't throw him down.

We are very glad to hear that Portland has an order, and hope that Mr. Harrigan, formerly of Spokane, is a charter member.

Someone played a very roguish trick on our good-natured brother Pagel, Hallow Eve night, by leaving an empty beer keg on his desk, which made him feel very sad when he found out it was empty, but had the satisfaction of tapping it with his knuckles, and there were others who had a long face when they found out that it was empty.

There is a committee appointed to work up the boys by giving a dance in the near future, which we hope will be a success. Our members are getting very musical of late; you can hear them singing most any time some familiar tune, such as "My Creole Sue."

Well, I guess that I have given you about all the news of any importance except that we hope success to the locals that are out or going out, down in California. I remain

Yours fraternally,

E. A. R.

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 75.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 28, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I write to let the world know that Local 75 is still doing business on a small scale in a town in Michigan, where there are quite a number of boys in the ranks and a few who are not in that ought to be. They owe that much to the profession as well as to themselves, and the boys who are in ought to be ashamed of themselves, that is, the ones who are always coming up but

get no further than the sandbar at the Bridge St. House and wait for high tide, when it is too late. Come up once in a while and say hello, and see what we are doing.

Would like to hear from Payne, of local at Galveston, as to whether he received our help or not. The local is waiting.

Street car work will be fairly good here before long; two electric roads strike town, each about thirty miles long. Will write more as work proceeds. From

TRUSTY ARCHIE,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 77.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Local 77 is still growing. Although we lose some very good brothers once in awhile, the new ones, I think, will soon make up the loss, and we are now about to wake up and ask for a little more reasonable wages. The light company changed the line boys a little, giving them \$3 per day instead of \$75 per month. This they don't like, as rainy days count up in the winter season.

We have two very important committees out now, one on working rules, which we found needed some changes and additions, the other on scale of wages for the ensuing year, and we think there is no doubt but what we can get what we ask.

Another advent here is an insurance inspector, who was obtained and the office instituted by the continued efforts of this local. Credit is due more especially to our worthy recording secretary, Bro. Conlay. Mr. Hughes, the man who received the appointment, seems to be a perfect gentleman and understands his business. He had experience in this line some years in Philadelphia. We think an inspector will be a great benefit to our local, as those not of the right stripe can hardly stand inspection and contractors in general will be required to do better work, making higher prices, therefore higher wages. Mr. Hughes was elected an honorary member of our local at our meeting last night.

Harry Boardman, one of our new members, who left in charge of the plant on the United States transport Arab, has been heard from. At that writing he was in Nagasaki, Japan. They arrived at that point eight days overdue with eight feet of water in the lower hold. Don't know whether Harry got tired of living and tried to scuttle the ship like the man in "Sinbad, the Sailor," but he says he took his turn working in water up to his waist. No further particulars being given guess we will have to wait for his next.

All the boys are in good trim at present. Bros Carsten and Ross got burned some time ago, and Bro. Carsten just got back to work last week.

Bro. McLaughlan started on a trip to see

McGinty but stopped after getting a few feet in the mud. He was doing some work on some old piles while the tide was out and got caught in the act. Do not know the particulars, but he did look dry for once in his life. Still, his clothes were quite wet.

The boys are looking for a hall where they can meet every week, but vacant halls and rooms are very scarce in Seattle at present.

Fraternally yours,

S. H. WILCOX,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 80.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, the boys all thought I was asleep last month, as No. 80 had no letter in the Worker. They all like to be represented in the paper, so I guess if I don't get a piece in this month I will lose my job.

No. 80 is still doing business at the same old stand, though everything is a little dull at present. All stirring now is the election and tomorrow will settle that.

I notice particularly the letter from No. 48 in last month's Worker, and hope the brothers will keep away from Richmond and its gang of coons and coon lovers. Get after them, 48, and put them out of the business. We must down the niggers, and down them quick. I don't think you will see any of them climbing poles for the Bell Tel. Co. around Norfolk.

We have in Norfolk now a couple of electricians doing some work for the N. & W. Ry. They are not union men, but are willing to be. I think Wilmington a good place for an organizer to stop over night. I hope by the time you hear from me again I will be able to report all the men in Norfolk as union men. We expect to do some business this month. I will ring off and let someone else have the long-distance wire as they might want to get the election returns.

Yours fraternally,

A. L. WINN,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 84.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

With your kind consent I cut in the circuit of 84. We had a blowout last night, had a nice time and all were happy. There were plenty of refreshments, and the hall was filled with beautiful ladies. We had our wives, daughters, mothers and sweethearts with us. This being our regular meeting night, Bro. Briard called the audience to order at 8:40 and announced that our meeting was adjourned until our next regular meeting night to give way for the entertainment, and then introduced your humble servant as master of ceremonies. We had a number of prominent men of the city who gave us some very

interesting talks on the present condition of organized labor and its future prospects. Among them were Mr. Harry Slesinger, Mr. C. M. Whaitte, Mr. C. T. Ladson, Mr. Mike Reily and others. At 10 we had a recess and passed refreshments. We had plenty of fruits, candies, etc., and the best of it was not one cent came from the treasury. When we decided to give this very interesting affair, each brother donated different things, some cake, some ham, some chicken, pastries, pickles, pies, and other things. The object of this was to bring out a lot of the brothers who seemed to be growing a little indifferent and let these prominent labor leaders score them. We were more than successful in our efforts.

I would just like to say that I can't see how a man, after taking the oath he does in his hall with his hand raised to heaven, can willfully and intentionally go back on that vow. Of course there are cases where a brother gets in hard circumstances at times and he may perhaps get in arrears for dues, though this should make him feel more interest towards his local, knowing he has a band of brothers to aid him in his adversity. I defy any brother who is a man, or any man that has been a member of the electrical workers if he carried himself in an honorable, manly way and made his condition known to the members of his local, to show me one instance where aid was refused him by his brothers. My opinion of a man that would make these vows and then willfully depart from them is that he is no man at all but only a living, breathing image and a stumbling block to the human family and should relinquish his claim to manhood and seek some secluded spot and hang himself with a grapevine, for the rope that is made by the honest hand of a freeman would be mortified to know it had to perform that duty upon one so unworthy.

I am sorry to see so little in the Worker from our Southern P. Ss. Come out, old boys, and let us hear from you. Let us know if you are out on a vacation or on a hunting or fishing frolic. We all know that your locals are not dead and that your members are not sitting idly by with hands folded. Send your letters in; give them the send-off they need and that they put you in office as P. S. for. You know they all like you and don't like the idea of giving you a calling down, so let us hear from you.

Well, workmen all seem to have plenty to do here just now and other new work will open up the first of the year. There will be a new light plant started up about that time.

Well, Mr. Editor, though my letter is a little long this time, I hope you may see fit to put it in print, as I do not like the idea of confiding my sentiments to the waste-basket. Thanking you in advance

for your kind indulgence, I throw the switch.

Fraternally yours,  
W. R. JOHNSON,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 87.

Newark, N. J., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 87 is still alive, and a lively lot. They ran off a smoker last Friday night which was a credit to them. Everyone who visited it gives the boys great credit for the way in which it was carried out. The exhibition consisted of boxing, wrestling, singing and music, drinking beer, smoking tobacco and cigars. There was not a man who was not thoroughly satisfied with the amusement.

Everything is getting along nicely around here at present. Anderson, who scabbed it in the New York and New Jersey lock-out was discharged by them and went to the electrical people and secured a job, but it did not last long and he was fired, and then he secured a job with the Newark Telephone Co. as trouble man, and he worked one day and all hands refused to work with him, so he was roaded again. But there is another gentleman around I like to mention a little, that is big-nose Ed Lewis who also did the same trick and is at present working for the People's Light and Power Co., whom I would like to see getting the same as Anderson got. Anderson has quit the business altogether and started a cigar store. I am sure all union men will patronize him—nit. I will close till next month. Fraternally yours;

W. M., P. S.

#### Local Union No. 89.

Akron, O., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As the regular press secretary of our local has not had an article in the Worker for some time, I guess he is out looking for points. I sincerely hope we have not lost him, but since he has not shown up in the past two months I thought it my duty to write an article for good and welfare of the union. No. 89 is progressing very slowly; just as soon as we get enough lights up to candle power to illuminate the hall someone shuts down on the rheostat and some of them have to float down and out. But there are a few arcs that can't be snuffed out and they get out and hustle, just to meet with the same result; then all that is left is to try again. This week we lost a good old wire-fixer who has accepted a position as motorman on the Akron, Bedford and Cleveland line. Bro. McNeil was a good member, and always on deck at meeting night. I know we shall miss him very much; it is quite a loss to 89. I wish to ask the members who are floating to please be kind enough to consult their cards in regard to how they

stand, and not send in and ask us. Just send us a check and we will soon inform you if you are short. There are two or three letters come here about every week asking how they stand on our books. All those wishing to know can just refer to their cards; that is the best way that I can explain, as it takes time to correspond and money to buy stamps.

I wish also to inform those who do not get the Worker each month that our F. S. is not a mind-reader, nor a second-sight artist, and cannot keep tab on your blotter if you don't let him know where you are. We have enough to go around if we only knew where to send them.

We would also like to know the whereabouts of Bro. Sudro. If this comes before his notice I wish he would write to us, as it is very important; if he presents his card in any local, please inform us, so we can write to him.

It might be interesting to some of our brothers to know that a boss here by the name of Andy Lothman, who was written up in the Worker last winter for hucking the I. B., has some time since lost his job, and just as soon as he got let out he wanted to join this local. Now, I don't know if we did right in refusing him, but we thought that a man who could do so much harm to our cause as he did when out of it, would not do any good in it; so Mr. Andy had to float out without a card. Not wishing him any bad luck on his trip, we hope wherever he lands he will be good.

Hello! there, Bro. Maloney; have not heard your ring-up for some time. A letter from you was always encouraging; let us hear from you. Wish you were back in Akron; am sure things would go better if we had so good a hustler in our midst.

As I don't think I would make a very good scribe, I hope there will be no offense taken from this, my first attempt, hoping by next month our old press secretary will be back with a lot of news. He ought to be able to write a volume, as he has had time in plenty to pick up some good, interesting stuff.

Brothers of all locals, before going to press I wish to say that there is a lot of work to be done, so let us get together and do it at once, as our business is the most dangerous and complicated of all trades, and our only way out of it is to organize and demand our rights. So, all together, and remember you have a duty to fulfill and an obligation to remember.

Yours fraternally,  
OSCAR SHECK,  
President 89.

#### Local Union No. 91.

S. Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I suppose you did not receive my last letter in time for printing, as I noticed it did not appear in the October Worker. I



will try and get this there in time. Local No. 91 had a grand time the last meeting night. We took in fourteen new members, and they got all there was coming to them, and a sight more.

Please tell all the brothers who know Bro. John Edwards that he is called papa now.

Bro. Edwards promises us he will make a good line man and a strong union man at that.

Our recording secretary has the pleasure of being the father of a pretty little daughter.

One of our brothers had the bad luck to fall off of a pole and hurt one of his ankles very badly. His name is Albert Kentring. Bro. Kentring was sent to the Bethlehem Hospital, where he stayed for two weeks. He is out and about now and we hope that we will see him out on the gang before many days.

Bro. Alvin Clark made a short stop with us, but has left the town again. Local 91 has issued three traveling cards to the following named: J. Sailor, G. Hauslin and J. Martiscon.

Sorry to hear that the Bethlehem Light has laid off a couple of our brothers, but 91 wishes them the good luck of another job. The Local was also very glad to hear from Bro. Beckenridge, but sorry to learn he had trouble getting his card changed. Another thing 91 doesn't quite understand is why so many brothers come along with cards paid up for two or three months and have neither working nor traveling cards and have the seal of the local where they were initiated as a brother of the union. I think it would be a good idea if our F. S.'s would be a little more careful about handing out these cards. This should be looked after, for if any more of these cards come this way they had better stay away, for they will get turned down. I certainly would hate to turn a man down on account of his card, for just as good men are traveling as are at home.

Fraternally yours,

LUTHER BUNNELL,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 97.

Bradford, Pa., Nov. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

No. 97 had no meeting last week. Of all the officers but two were present, and but eight or ten members, and we just smoked and talked. Bradford has been called a strong union city; everybody belongs to a union, and nobody thinks of buying anything without looking for the union label, and yet we can't get our members to take interest enough to attend our meetings.

The motormen and conductors of the Street Railway line have formed a union and we expect to hear from them after they have been stepped on hard enough to know it. They are the poorest paid of any

class of men in the country, but receive the same pay as the general run of small places, but they will have to speak for themselves. They have style enough about them, and wear good clothes, and try to be polite, but have to bear the blame of many things they are unaccountable for. The manager of the line has fitted up two front rooms for the men for a loafing room, with a desk, chairs and writing materials, and it makes a fine place for them. There seems to be a lot of telephone men around who do not belong to the union, and efforts should be made to draw them in. We tried to have a large attendance at our last meeting, to find some way to gather them in, but only a small number showed up. We are still waiting to hear from the out-of-town members who have gone in quest of work. We want to know where they are and what they are doing. One of the car conductors had half a day off last Sunday, and this is how he tells it:

I went to church last Sunday  
To hear a new man preach;  
To hear a Gospel lesson;  
To hear what he would teach.

I did not get there early—  
In fact, arrived quite late;  
But got there just in season  
To see the Deacon pass the plate.

The sermon was good, but lengthy;  
The facts contained were deep;  
And when we got to nintly  
The Deacon went to sleep.

The text was from the Bible—  
A book by all adored.  
It made me shudder slightly,  
The way the Deacon snored.

And when the sermon ended  
The Preacher bent his knees;  
A great big chill ran down my back  
As I heard the Deacon sneeze.

And when at the close of service,  
We rose to go our way;  
The Deacon still was sleeping,  
And I think he was there to stay.

But, as on the sidewalk standing  
We whispered low his name,  
He through the door came flying  
And got there just the same.

Yours fraternally.

N. G. NEAR.

#### Local Union No. 98.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Again has the entertainment committee's efforts to please been successful, and the second of the season's monthly frolics was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There was the usual sound of singing, buck and wing dancing, sparring, story telling, funny speeches and performance on musical instruments. Indulgence in sweet cider and union made doughnuts com-

pleted for the nonce the sum of innocent happiness, and it would be an unreasonable being indeed who could find ought to cavil at. Our next will be a ball and reception, for which 17,000 tickets have been issued. Of course it is expected that an affair of such magnitude will yield brilliant results financially.

No. 98 has at last cancelled the indebtedness to the International Brotherhood incurred during the strike here last spring.

Our initiation fee has again been increased, this time to \$15.00, and by the way applications continue to come in, it would argue that the step was not ill-advised.

Prosperity continues to be our portion, and the boys have certainly taken advantage of this remarkable building season. Business just now, however, seems to be quiet although there are still but few of our boys unemployed.

John Burrows, jolly and pudgy, was sure Bryan would be elected, so sure that he staked his good coin on the result of the election. Now Johnny will have to wear his old overcoat for another season and he has bought a bag of smoking tobacco and polished up his pipe, as cigars are not so economical. Moreover, Johnny has a strange kink in his back. It all comes from leaning over to roll a hoop off a nail-keg around City Hall plaza with a lath. Then, too, the crowd that followed him 'round and saw him do his stunt wasn't over sympathetic in its remarks and many of the gibes seemed to the perspiring sailor-boy very pointed indeed. They sounded in his ears as though meant for him, but nobody could have sought to ridicule him; certainly not.

No. 21 had a smoker last night which, in its way, was certainly a winner. Your correspondent was present, but considers report of same out of his province and will leave it to the press secretary of No. 21.

Fraternally,

CHAS. SID. ANDRES,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 105.

Hamilton, Nov. 10, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Time flies by, and with it comes and goes prosperity and failure, victory and loss, but through it all the sun shines brighter than ever. Local 105 has had its ups and downs, sorrows and gladness, since last it was my pleasure to chronicle what little news there was to give from this part of the continent. Before going further I must thank Bro. Schwab for his kind assistance in keeping this local in touch with the other locals throughout this continent.

There have been good brothers leave us to labor in other fields, and brothers who have served their earthly bosses well called away by their Heavenly Father, to rest for awhile, until those who have done right by

their fellow-men and their God, shall be called hither to join their old comrades. To shake the hand of an old comrade, returning from the war, be it from South Africa or from Cuba, it makes the chill creep down my back; the tears of emotion choke one's throat; you don't at the moment know just why, but it is because they were men who have fought, not only for their country and head, but because they have fought for the freedom, religion, and the advancement of commerce. It should be the same in unionism. When a victory is won everyone should be glad in his heart, and especially the ones who have won it, and not go back the next morning to work at peace with himself and to the deuce with the rest of his comrades.

I read in last month's Worker that Local No. 41 has not much work, or but the Pan-American, and they choose to shut out other members of their own craft who have helped to put them where they are by putting a \$10 tax on all traveling cards, and winding up by saying, "We are responsible for our flock." Now, this looks to me as if unionism is trying to put on the cloak of a syndicate, and at the same time flying the flag of unionism in the face of workmen, who, if they were not, should not and cannot belong to the I. B. E. W. I might be wrong in this criticism, but it is open for argument.

I regret to announce the death of Bro. J. Privas, a member of Local 105, which occurred at Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 17th.

Bro. Brown has left us to go East. Should he drop his card at Syracuse or other eastern locals, they will find in him a No. 1 workman and a staunch brother.

Yours truly,  
JAS. DONALDSON.

#### Local Union No. 115.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The Worker for October has made its appearance rather late, it seems, in the writer's case, but nevertheless entirely welcome, with its numerous letters from all over the country, putting each and all in touch on the questions of most interest to electrical men.

I see a letter from Local Union No. 3, of St. Louis, wherein a visit of Sixth V.-P. J. H. Maloney is spoken of. I have been wondering if it can be our old friend, Jack Maloney, formerly of the W. U. Tel. Co., of San Antonio, Tex. If so, and this meets his eye, then here's greeting to you, Jack, from your old acquaintance, Mack, of the old Water and Light Co., of Austin.

Third V.-P. R. R. Tripp, of Houston, paid Austin a short visit the past week in the interest of the order. Owing to the fact that the brother was threatened with an attack of malaria, and the miscarriage of some of his plans the night he spent here, nothing definite was accomplished

for the time, but I look for his return to Austin soon.

Your correspondent spent Saturday night and Sunday, Oct. 27 and 28, in San Antonio at the International Fair. While there I met O. C. Blautin, formerly a member of No. 115, but now of L. U. No. 60, and spent a pleasant evening with him. Bro. Blautin seemed to think the time ripe in San Antonio to make a demand for higher wages and shorter hours, and thought such would be done soon. To my mind, capital and labor should go hand in hand, and if proper measures are pursued, capital would not lose by giving higher wages and shorter hours to skilled labor. The consumer is, as he should be, the one to pay the bill at last, and neither skilled labor or capital would suffer if only a proper understanding could be brought about. Strikes should be resorted to only in extreme cases, and were good, sound, sensible men always put at the head of affairs of laboring men, as is almost always the case where capital is involved, much strife and suffering would be avoided.

The letter from Grand President Wheeler, in the October issue of the Worker, dated October 10th, is advice that all should heed, as it shows, in my judgment, a very cautious man, at the head of our fraternity.

Business of all kinds in Austin appears to be in a very satisfactory condition at this time, as we hardly have time to make complaint of any kind should we wish to do so. There seems to be a general good feeling among labor unions that speaks well for their future, although nothing of special interest to record, except that the plumbers had a local strike and won out in one week.

With greeting and best wishes, I am

Yours truly,  
MCK.,  
Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 121.

Denver, Col., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

On the eve of election, just about the time all good (?) politicians are going to bed preparatory to the big battle which is to be waged on the morrow is this letter written. No one knows how the battle will end, or which of the two corrupt parties will come out winner. Whichever way it goes, however, will probably not affect the laboring man's cause a particle.

The linemen of Colorado Springs are out for nine hours and \$3 per day, with very good chances in their favor. The writer advises all union men to stay away until the trouble is settled; in fact, linemen run their own chances at the present time in Colorado, if thinking of coming west for work.

Bro. Bean got into town last week, having finished the line from here to Greeley.

The Colorado Telephone Co. has commenced cutting down its force by putting two of its foremen back in the gang.

Bro. Jack Olmsted (Old Jack) has requested us to say for the benefit of his many friends that he is still in the land of the living and holding up his end with the rest of the young fellows. Jack expects to winter in Texas, and about the next snow that comes his feet will be itching beyond human endurance.

The first annual ball given by Local 121 took place Oct. 25th, and was a grand success socially and financially. There were 400 in attendance and everybody went in for a good time, and the writer can truthfully say that he has never spent a more enjoyable evening. At 9 p. m. the ball opened with the customary grand march, led by Bro. and Mrs. Layne. The order of dances was interspersed with illustrated songs given by Electrician Davis and lady.

Too much praise can not be given Bro. Winston's management of the decorations. Stringers of different-colored lights starting from the center of the room and running to each corner thereof and the main entrance, containing in all 250 lamps, gave a superb effect to the place. There was also the sign, "First Annual Ball I. B. E. W."

Fraternally,  
C. A. ARCHER, P. S.

#### Local Union No. 122.

Great Falls, Mont., Oct. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, as I forgot you last month, I won't this time. I was very busy last month seeing that all unions turned out to celebrate Labor Day, and we had the finest parade that was ever seen in the West. The electrical workers here of course had to show our colors. We had first prize, but lost it on account of a mistake in the line of march. They rewarded us with third prize anyway, even though we did not show up at all where they were reviewed.

Three of our brothers have hit the dirt since I wrote to the Worker. We wish them Godspeed. Bro. W. E. Snow left for St. Paul, E. H. Mead for Butte and M. H. Lemmon for Lewistown. A fine lot of boys they were and if any one should happen to cross their path remember they are from 122 and all right. Those left are just as fine. If you don't believe it just drop this way and see.

Quite a lot of the boys coming into our local are doing construction work for the R. M. B. Tel. Co. here. We are getting ready to move our office. We also have Bro. Tucker, of Spokane, and Bro. Headmark, from No. 24. We had three new members last meeting night and expect two more soon. I tell you we do the biz down here. If you don't think we do, just come down here and we will show you. If you have to be— She said ring

off, so by by, boy, I will call you up again before long.

Yours fraternally,  
M. POTEH,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 127.

Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 6, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

As this is my first attempt as P. S., I will endeavor to do the best I can. Battle Creek was organized Oct. 13th, with 19 charter members. Since then we have added 17 new names to our list and more are coming. We expect to have 45 members by the close of next meeting night, which is good for a town of only 25,000 people. Our meeting night is every Friday.

The officers are:

Pres.—A. J. Bowers.

Vice-Pres.—Chas. Wood.

Treas.—R. Noggle.

rec. Sec.—F. A. Fellows.

Fin. Sec. & Press Sec.—Don Cole.

We have got as strong an organization as there is in town and there are 18 other unions here. I think we are in a position now to tell all who come to pass on if they can't show they are all right. Work is not very abundant in this part of the state at present, but all here are busy and if a straggler drops in once in a while we can most always get him work enough for a road stake. The wages are \$2.25 for ten hours, which is as good as they are anywhere in Michigan.

Well, I guess I have said enough for the first time trying. Hoping all other locals will have as good success as we have I will close.

Fraternally yours,  
D. COLE,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 130.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here we are again. No. 130 is on deck, doing finely. All members are working and prospects are very bright for them to continue so. There is lots of work and the good thing about it is that it is very evenly divided among the different contractors. Another good feature, from one to five union men in each of the shops and they are working very strong to get the delinquents in line. There are some very hard nuts to crack, but they are beginning to realize their error and seem to be getting rounded up. As I understand it, they will all be given another chance before we raise our fee.

Our promised joint smoker did not occur last week. We decided to postpone it on account of it being Hallowe'en night, and the majority of the boys had to take their best girls to some party or another. We decided to hold it some night this month.

Will let you know in our next what is what and hope to be able to "holler loud."

Our worthy press secretary is still out in the country and of course will have to be excused for a while, but I guess he'll do his turn when he gets back. In the meantime I will do the act pro tem.

Will close, wishing the Brotherhood continued prosperity, I am

Yours fraternally,  
T. G. ZIEGLER,  
President.

### Local Union No. 133.

Detroit, Nov. 9, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Once more the day when all the American people have a license to yell has come and gone. At least one would think that the majority of the brothers of 133 had a license, and were making good use of it, if he could have heard some of them on the night of election; but, glad to say, they have quieted down—some of them to such an extent that they refuse to speak above a whisper. Work is a little quiet at present, although I believe most of the brothers are working, and those that are not are spending what surplus of cash they happen to have on hand. So in that way we keep things moving just the same. I noticed the brothers in the last day or two have been looking very much pleased about something. At first I thought it was the way the election went, but later I found it was the anticipation of the large time they are going to have at our smoker in the near future. Will tell you all about it next month. As time is money I will wish all the brothers of the I. B. E. W. happiness for the next ten days and quit.

Yours truly,  
F. W. RAYMOND,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 134.

Chicago, Ill. Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Another month has rolled around and it seems that only a few days had passed. The month has been a good one generally for members of Local 134. Just now many jobs are being finished and cleaned up, which naturally puts a few more men on the market but with fair prospects as soon as the present great national problem is solved. This question has probably interested most of the brothers, and those who have been unemployed had plenty of time for the subject. We have been told many things that were good for the working classes, or were intended for their betterment. So many statements go forth that much confusion would result were man to vote as he is told. We trust our membership will vote right at any rate.

Bro. E. S. Damou, of Local No. 1, St. Louis, visited our meeting lately. Just after arriving in the city he was taken

sick, not seriously, but bad enough to prevent him from working in case he desired to do so. We wish him better luck for the future.

Our Sixth Vice-Pres., Bro. John Maloney, drops in to see us occasionally, and is about to become one of our members.

Bro. Bert Covert, of Local 9, transferred to 134 recently, had an arm broken some time ago near the elbow and has never had the full use of it since.

Say, what's the matter with our Grand President visiting Chicago and having a grand mass meeting of all the locals here, some evening? Talk this up, Chicago locals. Let's get acquainted.

T. J. BURCH,  
Press Sec.

### Local Union No. 136.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Bear with me, "ye man of the goose quill," till I cut in a new cluster, numerically speaking 136. We were organized with eleven charter members in June and, as we have no press secretary, that honor has been conferred upon me, and as we have never yet been represented in your valuable journal I am going to make an attempt at it this month and as I am very illiterate I will ask you to please close your eyes when you come to mistakes.

Everything has not gone as nicely with us as we would like to have had it go, concerning our official staff. As our treasurer and financial secretary have not proven themselves worthy of office, or even membership, we have elected new men for these places. Following is our list of officers.

Pres.—J. S. Lewis.

V.-Pres.—C. F. Powell.

Treas.—E. L. McCall.

R. S.—J. A. Poe.

F. S.—E. A. Woodworth.

Inspector—W. H. Abernathy.

Trustees—W. H. Brewer, W. H. Abernathy.

Labor Day has come, gone and passed into history. Though it is rather late, I wish to mention it, as it's the first time that our boys were considered the warmest body in line. We all turned out with the exception of three who claimed that it was impossible for them to get off. We found out later that one of these aforementioned stayed away on his man and we imposed a fine of five dollars on our man.

Everything is at present flush with us. All our boys are at work and we are glad to note that we have none on the sick list. Since the Home Telephone Co. began building we have had several floating brothers deposit their cards with us. Also have added new members nearly every meeting night. While the Southern Bell is working mostly bur heads, the Home people are working sirictly white and en-

dorsed union men to the letter. I have the good fortune to be with Arthur Rodgers, the little of stature but big of heart and broad in mind genial foreman from 84 of Atlanta, and every man in our gang is a paid up-to-date union man, and that isn't all. When a man comes up and asks for a posish, the first thing that is asked of him is this, "Is ye got a card?"—that is Jack-sonville speaking—but in American-English, "Have you got a card?" If he hasn't, he must get him hence.

There are several of the boys here who are members elsewhere who have not as yet deposited their cards, but say they will as soon as they can get them from their respective locals. That's right, boys, come in; we are young yet and we need and must have you. If you don't think we will do the square thing, just ask Polly, Dock or George Brown, eh boys?

How about that smoker? Oh, yes, we are going to have a smoker and open meeting in about two weeks and later on we are going to have a ball and say, fellows, its going to be swell too, let me tell you. Be sure and come. Willie Brewer will be there, but I shan't say which one of his numerous young lady friends will accompany him. But Willie is a good wireman as well as a heart breaker.

Another thing I would like to be informed on, as the boys all ask me, about the Worker, and as I can't tell them anything about it I wish you would please enlighten me in regard to how, when and where we can get them.

I notice in the letter from 38, Cleveland, that Hugh Murrin is president. Well, I'd like to see old "Hughie," for 'twas him that put me through the mystic in 1893. It was then No. 16, and I have been unable to hear from Cleveland since Nick Duff died.

The "elecfus" has about played out, also the hot air, so I am going to snuff out right here. As this is my first attempt, I hope you will accept this as an excuse for not writing heretofore.

Fraternally,

HAPPY JACK,

P. S.

P.S.—If any brother could furnish me with Herbert Worline's address, I would greatly appreciate same.

#### Local Union No. 138.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 1, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Well, here we are once more with Fort Wayne. No. 138 is doing lovely, and since our last letter has added to the circuit Bros. Wm. Teeters, Dan. Spangler, L. E. Ihrig, B. R. Bartell, Joseph Baxter, M. Conuncavish and Richard Erickson, so you can see that the boys are not so slow.

On Sept. 27th Local No. 138 gave a smoker which proved to be a big time as all had clay pipes. Just imagine yourself

seeing Bro. Henry Eckels back of a clay pipe. Bro. Dan Mullen was to get the tobacco but must have made a mistake and got cabbage leaves.

Bro. J. S. McCormick, who broke his arm some time ago, is at work again.

Bro. J. Coligan has been elected treasurer and he will make a good one.

The attendance is of the best. Bro. Al. Wolf surprised all the boys and came to meeting last Thursday evening. The new by-laws went into effect last meeting, and if members do not attend at least one meeting in a month they will be fined. As this is my first, and I have not much time, will close.

Yours truly,

F. X. S.,

Press Sec.

#### Local Union No. 140.

Lansing, Nov. 3, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

It is with pleasure I am able to announce that Local 140 is gradually rising as a strong local in the I. B. E. W. Every member is taking hold and striving to make 140 a model local. Although the initiations have been slow since the charter closed, we have a few candidates in waiting and then there will be but few left in this man's town not members of the I. B. E. W. We hope to get the few lined up soon.

Work is about the same here, nothing going with either company so wouldn't advise anyone to head this way.

Bro. J. A. Campbell took a traveling card out of here and has headed for the "Sunny South." Success, Joe, be with you soon.

Local 140 held an open meeting and social session the 22d of October and say it was great. Seventy-five per cent. of the electrical workers in the burg were there. We were ably entertained by Mr. Harry Sipe's brother-in-law, champion banjo juggler. These people gave us an up-to-date entertainment for an hour and a half, after that we had refreshments (Goebel's Blue Label) and a table set for a king and eaten by electrical workers. What do you think of that? We had story telling, etc. Mr. Gilmore—our Uncle Bill—gave us several Swede dialect pieces which were well delivered and well received. We certainly had a "hopping-up-time," as Cross-arm George says. We managed to get to work the next morning, so will leave it to you whether we enjoyed ourselves.

Bro. J. Ryan, "The Pollywog," formerly of Local 143, is working for the Opposition and wished me to send them his regards, also James Hanlon of 56. Hello Jimmie!

Say Splicer, I've made my will and left you my baby. We have an ode to some of our brothers who indulge in the—well, you know. It runs like this, to the tune of The Blue and the Gray.

"One lies down in Bush and Cole's,

Not many blocks away,

One is over in Port Huron;

He went the other day.

With the strains of "Down in Dixie,"

One is laid away,

In a bed at Hotel Wentworth,

Drunk both night and day."

Well, I have blown a fuse and must get my guinea out of hock, so good-by for a while.

Fraternally,

KID.

#### Local Union No. 145.

Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

The electrical workers are coming to realize more and more the truth of the old saying, "In union there is strength." We hold four meetings each month and each meeting finds two or three applications in for membership. At our meeting last night we were pleased to welcome to our ranks James M. Fulton, general foreman of construction for Michigan for the Postal Telegraph Co. He is a genial, whole-souled gentleman and we feel that he will be a valuable addition to our local.

The active interest of the members is increasing and the outlook is bright for one of the best locals in the States. We feel proud of our president, F. D. Horton, who takes such an active interest in the work which, coupled with his former-experience, is doing much to lead us upon the highway of success.

The Bartlett Illuminating Co. has had a large crew at work and is rapidly completing the work of reconstruction.

The outlook for work in this vicinity is not very good at present.

Although there has been some difference of opinion in our local as regards politics, we realize the fact that it is a difference of opinion that makes the world go round. It has been a veritable republican landslide all through our state. Our own city, usually strong in democratic principles, gave a republican plurality.

Our common council has again been discussing the advisability of having an inspector of electric wires. It certainly would be a very good thing and ought to receive prompt attention.

As Thanksgiving Day draws near every union man in the country ought to return thanks to God for the victory recently won by our brothers in the coal regions. While they did not succeed in obtaining all that they ask for, the results, as bearing upon the future welfare of unions, will be very great.

Hoping that this letter will be in time for this month's issue of the Worker, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

WM. P. GOLDIE,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 146.**

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 4, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I deem it my duty as press secretary to represent No. 146 to the very best of my ability, hoping the boys will be a little lenient with me and not criticise too severely.

During the past month Local 146 has been prospering. Several brothers deposited their cards with us, and we initiated a brother at meeting held Oct. 25th, two more brothers were initiated at our last meeting, Nov. 2d, and five more balloted for.

No. 146 has a new home, 955 Main street, meetings every Friday night at eight o'clock sharp. Vice-Pres. J. Shephard resigned and Neil Carmody was elected to fill the vacancy. Trustees now are James Kilpatrick twelve months, Joseph Maloney eight months and Martin Hubbard six months.

Work here at the business is fairly good and has been since early fall, not any too much, but just enough to keep all the boys at work. The S. N. E. Telephone has had two extra men on for the last two months, which is quite surprising. The Bridgeport E. L. Co. has had two or three extra men all summer; same way with the traction company. The old company sold out and since the new company took hold they are rebuilding it all over and doing good work, which was quite necessary.

We are having lots of improvements in our city, but one thing necessary to mention is the elevating of the tracks through the city. Of course that means lots of work for the different companies as all kinds of wires cross the railroad at different places. Those contractors are finishing up their part of the contract, so that will settle it for two or three years.

Hoping all the boys are working.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD MAHONEY,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 148.**

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Guess you think it about time to hear from Local 148. Was elected a little late for last Worker and hope you will excuse us as we are a little "new." No. 148 is moving along fine. We are not taking in many new members now, as our charter closed a couple of weeks ago. We did very well, though, for a local of linemen and have about forty brothers now. Have moved our headquarters to K. of P. hall, 423 12th street N. W., as we found Society temple too small to hold us.

Am glad to say that all the brothers are working except those who are feeling bad since Tuesday evening.

Bro. Sherman, would like to ask you to mark us as a linemen's local in the Worker, as we are strictly a linemen's local.

We had a reading of our by-laws last meeting night. One of the brothers went to sleep and didn't know whether they were by-laws or election returns, as it took six brothers to awaken him. We have a few brothers who helped to organize Local 20. Bro. Deffer, who served two terms as president of No. 26 when that local was organized, is our worthy president and he fills the position to a big T. Please note that we have also moved our meeting nights, as well as our hall, to Saturday nights, so the brothers can ramble after meeting. Everything is quiet here, so I haven't much to say. Hope you will excuse this as I am a little late and also a little new in this business. Better next time.

Fraternally yours,

"DUTCH,"

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 149.**

Aurora, Ills., Nov. 7, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I am a little late in sending you the particulars of our new local union, No. 149, organized Sept. 21st. Aurora never had a local union before. The electrical workers are here in good numbers, most of them members from other unions. There was a good demand for men of the craft, for work was plenty, in fact a boom was on, and several men came here and got employment for the summer. Two of the electric companies started to make extensive repairs, extending and rebuilding, and a new telephone plant was commenced, making times fairly brisk. There was no regular scale of wages and the working time was ten hours a day, which the men did not like. They made a demand for a day of eight hours, which was granted by the companies, also by the city. Everything went along well for a while until the Independent Tel. Co. began to make new rules, which the men objected to, that is, to put them back to the ten hour day for the same pay as when they started to build their plant, and also commenced to lay off any of the men which they knew belonged to the brotherhood and took on in their places, when they could get them, newcomers, who soon found out the trouble and left. It was then the idea of organizing a local union was talked of and it was but a short time before the matter was thoroughly discussed. Twenty-one names were secured for membership, which was about all eligible to join, and the presence of Bro. Mahoney, state organizer, was only necessary to make our desired project complete. On Sept. 21st the new members were obligated by Bro. Mahoney with the assistance of several card members who helped to form the new local.

The Independent Telephone Co. thought they could get along with the help they had, but as their plant was far from com-

plete they found they had to have some good men, but did not feel inclined to pay \$2 50 for eight hours. A committee was appointed to see the general manager who, perhaps, saw the error of his way in not keeping in line with the other electrical companies, and granted the demands of the men. So you may put it down that Aurora is a strictly union town.

The officers elected are:

Pres.—E. H. Chapman.

Vice Pres.—Wm. Block.

Rec. Sec.—L. M. Freiner.

Press Sec.—John Glennon.

Finan. Sec.—J. E. Millhouse.

Treas.—C. M. McCray.

1st Inspector—H. Weichel.

2d Inspector—J. C. Gorman.

Foreman—Wm. Hertzell.

Trustees—Peter Wagner, W. E. Hutchinson, B. F. Burns.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN GLENNON,

Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 151.**

San Francisco, Oct. 25, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

I take great pleasure in announcing to the readers of the Worker, on behalf of the linemen of San Francisco, that we have come to the conclusion that San Francisco is able to support two locals. Accordingly, on the 11th instant we got together as many linemen as we could on one day's notice, and with the help of District Organizer R. P. Gale, of Local 6, and several more members of the same local, we temporarily organized and initiated 23 candidates. One week from that day we initiated 33 more, and last night we gathered in 23 more pole stickers, bringing the total in our first three meetings to 79 enrolled members. We now have all the outside men employed by the two big light companies and a majority of those working for the Telephone Co.

Our officers are:

Pres.—David Keefe.

V. P.—Al. Johnson.

R. Sec.—M. C. Burgre.

Fin. Sec.—J. S. Barnes.

Press Sec.—Roy F. B. Shaver.

Foreman—Buck Stanton.

Inspectors—J. Carroll, L. Weisman.

Trustees—Thos. Murphy, Jas. Dunn, F. Leonard.

Ten members have been discharged by the Telephone Co. since joining the union, but are now working for other companies, with the exception of three or four.

Notwithstanding this fact the boys from the Telephone Co. continue to join, and we have every reason to believe that in the very near future this town will be a strictly union town, as far as the electrical trades are concerned.

Trusting that you will be able to give this communication a place in your valuable journal, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ROY F. B. SHAVER,

Press Sec. "Baby" Local.

**Local Union No. 153.**

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 8, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

Here goes for one more light added to our grand circuit. The linemen of Galveston, at a meeting of Local 124 last month, decided to draw out of that local and get a charter for outside men. By doing so we could make a strong local here of outside men. No. 124 was a mixed local and most of the boys did not favor a mixed local. A charter was granted to us. At our first meeting Bro. Tripp was here and organized Local 153, with twenty-four charter members. At our meeting last Monday we took in fifteen new members and have about that many more for next meeting. When all brothers get their cards in who are working here we will have a good local, and we expect to have all of the lady operators with us in a short time. We have some of the best union men in the country with us, lots of old-timers, and they all have good cards. Now, brothers, if any of you come this way, be sure and have a paid-up card, as that is the only ticket that will go here. If you haven't a paid-up card we won't know you.

Since the storm of Sept. 8th there has been a great deal of work, but not as much as there should be. The street railroad lines and power house were completely wrecked, but they are not working any extra. The company will put up a new system in the spring and build a new power house. The Southwestern Tel. and Tel. Co. has been doing lots of work since the storm. This company's lines were all down and they are going to put most of their lines under ground. They have been putting in 'phones temporarily since the storm. The city electric light plant was completely wrecked; also their power house went down with the rest in the storm. The Brush Electric Light Co. was the luckiest of them. Their power house stood the storm all right and only about one-half of their lines went down. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph Co.'s lines were all down. Some of the fifty and sixty foot poles were washed clear out of the ground without a break in them. There was ten feet of water all over the city during the storm. They are still taking dead bodies from the wrecked houses. The streets were full of rabbit for weeks, but the boys could not make a sale as the companies had the junk-shops next. Every wire in this burg was of copper, too, but it was of no use to try. I don't hardly know what to say about the work here at present. None of the companies are hiring men. The Southwestern Tel. Co. just laid off some men, but there will be lots of work here in a short time. All of the companies are going to rebuild, but are slow in starting.

As I am not working to-day, our press

secretary asked me to write this letter for him, so I have done my best. Our press secretary will write a much better letter next month.

Wishing Local 153 and the brotherhood success, I am, Yours truly,

H. C. PAWLING.

For J. Wisrod, Press Sec.

**Local Union No. 154.**

Cleveland, O., Nov. 5, 1900.

Editor Electrical Worker:

This local, No. 154, is only a few days old and I venture to state, the only local composed of journeymen cable spicers in our Brotherhood. The charter was received and we were organized by a committee from Local 39, Bro. James Slattery, vice-president of No. 39, administering the obligation. We hold meetings every Sunday at 2 P. M. at 91 Prospect street.

The following officers were elected:

Pres.—Martin Durkin.

Vice-Pres.—Frank Foss.

Rec. Sec.—William Riley.

Fin. Sec.—James O'Hara.

Treas.—John Daly.

Inspector—Herman VanZeben.

Foreman—John Monahan.

Trustees { Earnest Forbes,

{ Mike Kane,

{ Bert Foss.

Press Sec.—Edwin Day.

Too much praise cannot be given certain members of Local 39 for their unfiring efforts to get the cable spicers organized. Like all others, we will have to creep before we can walk, but from present indications it will only be a short time before we will be walking. The committee from Local 39 was A. W. McIntyre, F. S., James Slattery, V. F., J. Cuspert, A. Cooney and Geo. H. Gleason, who corresponded with headquarters and secured our charter. We have started with an even dozen, seven members transferred from No. 39 and five new ones. There are others to be transferred and a few new ones to be captured. Will stand adjourned until my next.

EDWIN DAY,

Press Sec.

**A SERIOUS CHARGE.**

There is no little complaint among small property owners—men who own their little homes, and who work for a living, that there is unfair, unjust, and, in short, dishonest discrimination in favor of the rich in the matter of assessing the valuation of property. The poor man's little home, it is said, is assessed at all it will stand, while the great blocks of buildings owned by millionaires are assessed at a comparatively nominal value. The explanation given by the complainants is that the rich men control the nomination and election of the assessors, while the poor man has nothing but his vote as an elector to depend on. We have not investigated these charges; but, if they are true, such a condition of things should not exist.—Exchange.

**In Memoriam.**

Resolutions adopted by L. U. No. 6 of Los Angeles, Cal.:

Whereas, Our union has sustained a sad loss in the death of our beloved brother, Robert Lucas, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a brotherly organization, pay tribute to his memory in these lines, as a character worthy of confidence, honor and justice, and that death was met as life had been lived.

Resolved, That as a union we most humbly bow submissive to the will of Almighty God.

Resolved, That we drape our charter in mourning for the period of thirty days as a token of respect, and be it further

Resolved, That we spread a copy of these resolutions on the minute book of Local No. 61, and that a copy be forwarded to his relatives and to our official journal for publication.

W. A. WOODIS,

M. B. DAVIDSON,

C. E. SMITH.

Resolutions adopted by L. U. No. 38, of Cleveland, O., on Oct. 9th:

Whereas, God, the Father Almighty and Ruler of men, has deemed it best to take the beloved wife of Bro. Charles Gabriel, be it

Resolved, That we, brother electrical workers, extend to our bereaved brother our sincere sympathy in this hour of sadness, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy be sent to our bereaved brother, one copy to the official organ for publication, and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the local.

W. M. DIXON,

E. T. MACKAY,

E. B. HORNE,

Committee.

Resolutions adopted by L. U. No. 20, of New York:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Edward Hogan, and

Whereas, The intimate relations held during a long electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of No. 20, make it our duty to express our esteem for his manly worth and deep sorrow at the loss and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that is deeply felt by all members of No. 20 and his friends; that in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother, we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their highest good, and be it further



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R. M. SNYDER,  
M. J. FARRELL,  
H. M. ELLIOTT,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local Union No. 61, of Los Angeles, Cal.:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our esteemed Bro. Howard Edwards, and

Whereas, We mourn the loss of one who in life we held dear as a brother and as a friend; and, while we can nevermore grasp his hand and meet his pleasant smile in this life, we can submit to Him who has called our brother's spirit beyond the grave.

Whereas, This local recognizes his loss to the Brotherhood and feels sorely grieved that a fellow workman in the full vigor of his young manhood should be so suddenly

and unexpectedly called from this life, therefore be it.

Resolved, That we extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement. May they take consolation in the knowledge that he has passed through the golden gate before and awaits them on the other shore until God, in His wisdom, unites the broken circuit; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family of our deceased brother; also be spread upon the minutes, the charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and a copy sent to the official journal for publication.

W. A. WOODIS,  
M. B. DAVIDSON,  
F. R. HAWLEY,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 20:

Whereas it has been the will of God to take from us our brother, John Clair; and

Whereas, In life he was most thoroughly liked by all for his good nature and good heart, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a union, pay tribute to his family by our deepest sympathy in their bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our deceased brother; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records and a copy engrossed and presented to the family of our deceased brother; also a copy be sent to the journal office.

A. QUINBY,  
H. E. HALLAM,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted at a regular meeting of L. U. 134, of Chicago, on the death of Bro. E. L. Beach:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the universe to take from our midst our much respected brother, Edwin L. Beach, and

Whereas, Intimate relations held during a long electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of this union make it our solemn duty to express our esteem for his manly worth, our deep sorrow at the loss, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him; therefore be it

Resolved, That the solemn removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be felt by all of our members and his friends; that with deep sympathy with the afflicted wife and relatives of our deceased brother we express a hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their greatest good; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, our charter be draped for 30 days as a memorial testifying to our respect for our late brother, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to his wife and a copy be forwarded to our official journal for publication.

F. J. BURCH,  
A. H. HALL,  
H. S. MODINE,  
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted Sept. 20 by Local 30, on the death of our worthy Bro. Bert Gillespy:

Whereas, The intimate relations held during an electrical and social career by our deceased brother with members of this union make it our solemn duty to express our esteem for his manly worth and deep sorrow at the loss, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a brother from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply felt by all members of the union and his friends; that in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their greatest good, and we bow in humble submission to God's will; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, our charter be draped for a period of thirty days as a testimonial of the respect and esteem in which our late brother was held by his fellow members, that a copy be presented to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and a copy be forwarded to our official journal and daily papers for publication.

FRANK J. SULLIVAN,  
A. W. MCINTYRE,  
GEO. H. GLEASON.

At a regular meeting of Local Union No. 87, of Newark, N. J., Oct. 5, 1900, the following resolutions were adopted on the death of our worthy brother, V. E. Ellifritt, who departed this life Oct. 1, 1900, at Hoboken, N. J.:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, through His earthly messenger, inexorable death, to visit us and remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Victor E. Ellifritt, and

Whereas, The members of the above named union, of which the deceased was an honorable member, attended to and saw that his remains were conveyed to his native home in Greenwood, W. Va., therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as an organization, in brotherly love pay tribute to his memory by extending to the family and relatives of our deceased brother the heartfelt sympathies of each and every member in



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A LOVERS LEAP  
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their great bereavement and irrevocable loss, and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our esteemed brother, and be it also

Resolved, That we spread a copy of these resolutions on the minute book of Local Union No. 87, and a copy be forwarded to our official journal for publication.

C. L. DOTSON,  
NICK GILLICK,  
OTTO FILLIGER,  
CHAS. MILLER,  
Committee.

Resolutions adopted by Local No. 21, of Philadelphia, Pa., October 26, 1900, on the death of our worthy Bro. James Cronin:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, through his earthly messenger inexorable death to visit us and under extremely sad circumstances remove from our midst our esteemed Bro. James Cronin, and

Whereas, In life he was possessed of a character beyond reproach, worthy of every confidence and justice was by him accorded to all men, therefore be it

Resolved, That we as an organization in brotherly love pay tribute to his memory by expressing our sorrow at his loss and bow in humble submission to the will of an All-wise God; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for thirty days as a token of respect for our esteemed brother; and be it further

Resolved, That the union does hereby extend to the family and relatives of our



deceased brother the heartfelt sympathy of each and every member thereof in their great bereavement and irrecoverable loss and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local union and that a copy be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother.

WM. MCFADDEN,  
WM. GODSHELL,  
J. BIRMINGHAM,  
Committee

The following resolutions were adopted by L. U. No. 60, of San Antonio, Tex.:

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from this life our esteemed brother, Paschal Jacks, therefore be it

Resolved, That Local No. 60, through this organization, extend to his bereaved relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and also that they be published in our official journal, the Electrical Worker.

W. A. HERRING,  
A. A. DRAKE,  
Committee.

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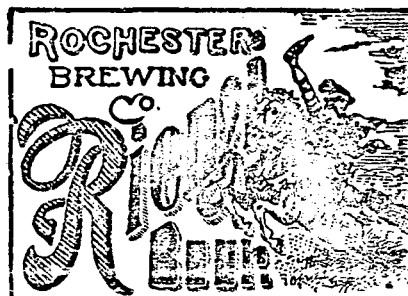
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\*No. 53, Harrisburg, Pa.—Meets every Tuesday evening in hall on Myrtle ave., in rear of 257 N. st. Pres., C. A. Swager, 627 Forster st.; R. S., Jas. P. Eninger, 15 N. 15th st.; F. S., Carl A. E. Anderson, 46 Summit st.

\*No. 54, Columbus, O.—Meets every Wednesday evening at Hellermans Hall, 180½ E. Town st. Pres., W. K. Kneeland, 71½ N. High st.; R. S., J. A. Frambes, 2390 Apple st.; F. S., Wm. Creviston, 266 E. Main st.

\*No. 55, Des Moines, Ia.—Meets every Thursday night at Trades Assembly Hall. Pres., Jas. Martin, 1022 4th st.; R. S., James Fitzgerald, 1924 Lynes st.; F. S., Thomas Fitzpatrick, 775 10th st.

\*No. 56, Erie, Pa.—Meets 1st, 3d and 5th Tuesdays in Woodman's Hall, 9th and State sts. Pres., Ed. O'Day; R. S., J. L. Hampel, 555 W. 3d st.; F. S., F. Morey, 314 W. 12th st.

\*No. 57, Salt Lake City, Utah—Meets every Tuesday in Federation of Labor Hall, 2d South Bk., Main and W. Temple sts. Pres., W. Moore, 266 North 6th st. West; R. S., J. Foster, 32 S. 2nd st. East; F. S., J. F. Buckley, 449 W. 1st North.

\*No. 58, Niagara, Falls, N. Y.—Meets 2d and fourth Monday in Odd Fellows' Hall. Pres., W. C. Barber; R. S., Charles Mingay, 303 Ninth st.; F. S., W. H. Peterkin, 2737 Pierce ave.

†No. 59, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Thursday at 126 Washington st. Pres., T. F. Cummings, 492 Rice st.; R. S., J. W. Du Cheney, 905 Monroe st.; F. S., L. H. Stuart, 4644 Ashland ave. S.

\*No. 60, San Antonio, Tex.—Meets 1st and 4th Saturdays at the old Court House, Soledad street. Pres., Martin Wright, Schuworth & Co.; R. S., Wm. Keller, Dubinski Electric Co.; F. S., Matt E. McElroy, 916 Buena Vista st.

\*No. 61, Los Angeles, Cal.—Meets every Thurs-  
 day in United Council of Labor Hall, 112½ W. 3d st.,  
 Pres., Chas. Bailey, 935 Stanford ave.; R. S., M. B.  
 Davidson, 627 Crocker st.; F. S., C. E. Smith, 773  
 Ceres ave.

\*No. 62, Youngstown, O.—Pres., W. E. Wise-  
 man, 700 S. Market st.; R. S., W. H. Griffith, 212 W.  
 Wood st.; F. S., W. H. Buzard, 534 Duequesne st.

\*No. 63, Warren, Pa.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednes-  
 days at D. O. H. Hall, cor. 2d and Liberty sts. Pres.,  
 Chas. Wright, Buchanan st.; R. S., C. S. Burkett, 413  
 E. Water st.; F. S., N. H. Spencer, Rogers Bk.

\*No. 64, Oakland, Cal.—2d and 4th Fridays in California hall, Clay st. Pres., A. E. Ross, 100½  
 Washington st.; R. S., H. P. Renton, 867 19th st.; F. S.,  
 Chas L. Bell, 44 San Pablo av.

\*No. 65, Butte, Mont.—Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays in Engineers' hall, Owsley bldg. Pres., Jas. E. Davidson, Room 64, Owsley Bldg.; R. S. & F. S., W. C. Medhurst, P. O. Box 846.

\*No. 66, Houston, Tex.—Meets 1st and 3d Mon-  
 day nights and 2d and 4th Sunday afternoons in  
 Odd Fellows' Hall, Mason Bk., Main and Rush sts.  
 Pres., W. D. Caywood, 1413 Franklin st.; R. S., C. T.  
 McIntyre, 1017 Houston ave.; F. S., R. R. Tripp,  
 2000 Fannin st.

\*No. 67, Quincy, Ill.—Meets 2d and 4th Thurs-  
 days at Trades Assembly hall, 111½ S. 5th st. Pres.,  
 Bert Simmonds, 722 York st.; R. S., J. H. Nessler,  
 527 N. 10th st.; F. S., C. H. McNamee, 511 E. 7th st.

\*No. 68, Denver, Col.—Every Monday in room 613 Charles blk. 15th and Curtis. Pres., H. Clark; R. S., W. S. Earhart, 1045 W. 7th ave.; F. S., C. B. Thorn, 1530 High st.

\*No. 69, Dallas, Tex.—Meets every Wednesday night at Labor Temple, Main and Akard sts. Pres. Frank Swor, 156 Camp st.; R. S., Joe Wilkerson; 124 Bryant st.; F. S., H. E. Cooper, 124 Bryant st.

\*No. 70, Cripple Creek, Col.—Meets every Wednesday in Elect. Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lammman Bk. Pres., H. Teale; R. S., J. E. Hicks, P. O. Box 684; F. S., E. P. Steen, P. O. Box 684.

\*No. 71, Quebec, Prov. of Que.—Meets every Friday night in Montcalm Market Hall, John St. Pres., G. W. Burrette, 146 St. Patrick st.; R. S., M. L. Henneaux, 32 St. George st.; F. S., J. J. Fleming, 52 King st.

\*No. 72, Waco, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Wednesday nights at McCabe Hall, 6th and Austin sts. Pres., C. C. Dixon, 514 E. 4th st.; R. S., Wallace Gorn; General Delivery; F. S., J. E. Caple, 1028 N. 6th st.

\*No. 73, Spokane, Wash.—2d and 4th Fridays in Eddy hall, N. Monroe st. Pres., Eli Hensley, 218 Riverside st.; R. S., Robt. McClinchey, Norden Hotel; F. S., W. A. Davis, 0715 Jefferson st.

\*No. 74, Winona, Minn.—Pres., Sam Atmore, 463 Dakota st.; R. S., J. P. Fromm, 510 Olmstead st.; F. S., H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead st.

\*No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.—1st & 3d Wednesdays in C. L. U. hall, 34 Canal st. Pres., F. A. Gunnell, 6 Tunes av.; R. S., Jos. Newman, Jr., 16 Kennedy st.; F. S., C. E. Post, 88 Sibley st.

\*No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.—1st and 2d Tuesdays in Foresters' hall, 11th and Pacific av. Pres., D. V. Peterson; R. S., J. Murphy, 312 E. 25th st.; F. S., E. Ripley.

\*No. 77, Seattle, Wash.—Meets every 1st and 3d Saturday in A. O. U. W. Hall, 1st ave. and James st. Pres., Chas. L. Batow, 2415 Western ave.; R. S., Geo. R. Cooley, 416 Lenora st.; F. S., G. C. Jenkins, 1215 1st ave.

\*No. 78, Chicago, Ill.—2d and 4th Friday in Fitzgerald's hall, cor. Halsted and Adams sts. Pres., G. W. LeVine, 1551 Carroll av.; R. S., Wm T. Towner, 1479 W. Ohio st.; F. S., George H. Foltz, 351 W. Adams st.

\*No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.—Pres., Daniel Cambridge, 110 Madison st.; R. S., Edw. Gvatt, 1 Crouse Bk.; F. S., Chas. Brand, 410 Shonward st.

\*No. 80, Norfolk, Va.—Every Friday in Central Labor Union hall, City Hall av. and Bank st. Pres., L. G. Fowler, 116 Willoughby ave.; R. S., W. M. Burk, So. Bell Tel. Co., Portsmouth; F. S., B. F. Haines, So. Bell Tel. Co., Portsmouth.

\*No. 81, Scranton, Pa.—Meets every Monday in Cassessa's hall, Lackawanna av. Pres., J. D. Smith, 1105 S. Washington av.; R. S., T. B. Sturdevant; F. S., E. B. Archibald, 1112 Lafayette st.

\*No. 82, Binghamton, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in C. L. U. hall, State st. Pres., G. Milks, 24 Derussey st.; R. S., L. W. Thompson, St. John ave.; F. S., P. W. Kromer, 104 Prospect st.

\*No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.—Every Wednesday, cor. 3d and Prairie sts. Pres., Edward Woodart, 143 8th st.; R. S., Otto Nichols, 523 Jackson st.; F. S., O. Wallath, 132 Ogden ave.

\*No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets every Thursday 7:30 p. m. in Fed of Trades hall, 14 1/2 N. Forsyth st. Pres., W. R. Johnson, 112 Kirkwood av.; R. S., C. F. McBirford, So. Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.; F. S., B. L. Martin, 322 W. 5th st.

\*No. 85, Augusta, Ga.—Meets Sunday afternoon at Kidwell's Hall, 15th st. and May av. Pres., B. Mitchell, 1420 Marbury st.; R. S., H. E. Edenfield, 917 Woodlawn st.; F. S., T. H. Tyce, 929 Kollock st.

\*No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in room 24, Durand bldg., 58 W. Main st. Pres., J. F. Forristal, 14 Jones st.; R. S., Harvey Smith, 42 Wellington ave.; F. S., A. L. Dennison, 14 Baldwin st.

\*No. 87, Newark, N. J.—Every Friday at 37 Market st. Pres., M. J. Breslin, 58 Center st., Orange, N. J.; R. S., John J. Marquardt, 377 Bloomfield av., Montclair, N. J.; F. S., Wm. Mungy, Ashland av., W. Orange, P. O. Box 93.

\*No. 88, Savannah, Ga.—Every Thursday in Labor hall, cor. Abcorn and Bryant sts. Pres., J. D. Butler, 308 Duffy st. west; R. S., H. E. Lingel, 127 Habersham st.; F. S., E. J. McDonald, 109 MacDonough st. east.

\*No. 89, Akron, O.—Meets in Carpenters' Hall, S. Howard st. Pres., J. A. Townsend, 531 W. Exchange st.; R. S., M. W. Jennings, 310 N. Maple st.; F. S., C. E. Miller, 307 E. Mill st.

\*No. 90, New Haven, Ct.—Meets every Saturday in Foresters' Hall, 781 Chapel st. Pres., S. Johnson, 63 Derby ave.; R. S., C. M. Preston, 77 Maltby st.; F. S., P. Hill, 25 Washington st.

\*No. 91, Boston, Pa.—1st and 3d Sunday afternoons in Jr. O. U. A. M. hall, cor. 7th and Northampton sts. Pres., Milton Moser, 59 North Sitgreaves st.; R. S., Geo. Van Billiard, 811 Spruce st.; F. S., Edwin Welch, 123 South 4th st.

\*No. 92, Charleston, S. C.—2d and last Friday in Irish Volunteers' hall, Vanderhous st. near King. Pres., J. O. Mission, 12 Horlbacks alley; R. S., J. J. Bacro, 77 Inspection st.; F. S., R. B. Bell, 87 Smith st.

\*No. 93, Ottawa, Ont.—2d and 4th Friday in Foresters' hall, 474 1/2 Sussex st. Pres., Wm. Roy; R. S., S. R. McDonald, 513 Maria st.; F. S., E. D. Myers, 75 St. Andrews st.

\*No. 94, Holyoke, Mass.—Meets every Monday in Marble Hall, High st., cor. Dwight. Pres., F. B. Lombard, with K. T. Oakes & Co.; R. S., C. Mixer, Canal st.; F. S., R. J. Dixon, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.

\*No. 95, Joplin, Mo.—Every Tuesday in Labor Union hall, 2d and Main sts. Pres., B. A. Stephens, Southwest Mo L. Co.; R. S., Arthur Manning; F. S., James A. Foster, 220 E. 2d st.

\*No. 96, Worcester, Mass.—Meets every Monday evening in room 21, Day Bldg., 308 Main st. Pres., S. A. Strout, 72 Russell st.; F. S., A. R. Goodwin, 71 Paine st.; F. S., W. D. Patterson, 1 Wilcox Bk.

\*No. 97, Bradford, Pa.—1st and 3d Thursdays in Malta hall. Pres., John Moore, 1 Barry ave., Bradford, Pa.; R. S., John Ballard, 148 Congress st.; F. S., F. L. Hall, 188 Corydon st.

\*No. 98, Philadelphia Pa.—Every Tuesday in Odd Fellows' Temple, Broad and Cherry sts. Pres., Louis F. Spence, 1533 Mantion st.; R. S., C. W. Elliott; 1320 Van Pelt st.; F. S., W. A. J. Guscott, 1018 Arizona st.

\*No. 99, Providence, R. I.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays in Odd Fellows' Hall, 27 N. Main st. Pres., John J. Moneto, 23 Lafayette st., Pawtucket; R. S., A. P. Barry, 18 Wheelon st.; F. S., W. E. Sedgley, 28 Bradford st.

\*No. 100, Jacksonville, Fla.—Pres., J. H. Mays; S. Bell Tel. Co.; F. S., A. B. Kitchen, S. Bell Tel.

\*No. 101, Brockton, Mass.—Every 2d and 4th Friday in Gardner blk, Center st. Pres., John McNeil, 65 High st.; R. S., Marshall Stevens, 77 East Elm st.; F. S., Chas. Wilbur, 152 School st.

\*No. 102, Paterson, N. J.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesday in Loomfixers' Hall, Market and Church sts. Pres., A. B. McPherson, Lakeview, N. J.; R. S., E. W. Sweeney, 348 Grand st.; F. S., Jno. Eldridge, 348 Grand st.

\*No. 103, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in St. Andrews Hall, Wells Memorial Bldg. Pres., L. W. E. Kimball; 21 Arcadia st., Dorchester; R. S., J. J. McLaughlin, 213 Manerick st., E. Boston; F. S., Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston sq., Allston.

\*No. 104, Boston, Mass.—Every Wednesday in Machinists' hall, 987 Washington st. Pres., M. Birmingham, 44 Winship st., Brighton; R. S., Geo. A. Fauner, 665 Washington st., Newtonville; F. S., R. H. Bradford, 268 River st., Cambridge, Mass.

\*No. 105, Hamilton, Ont.—2d and 4th Thursdays in Trades and Labor Hall, 17 Main st. Pres., J. R. Mitchell, 138 Breadalbane st.; R. S., C. F. Schwab, 15 Bruce st.; F. S., B. Bristol, 169 Jackson st. East.

\*No. 106, Jamestown, N. Y.—2d and 4th Thursday in Central Labor hall, East 3d st. Pres., K. W. Spencer, 214 Fulton st.; R. S., J. W. Woodburn, Lakewood, N. Y.; F. S., W. B. Lancaster, West 3d st. St. Car Barn.

\*No. 107, Louisville, Ky.—Meets 1st and 3d Thursdays in Keeb's Union Hall, 516 5th st. Pres., John C. Deibel, 418 15th st.; R. S., J. C. Stewart, 108 East Chestnut st.; F. S., Wm. H. Smith, 813 Jackson st.

\*No. 108, Tampa, Fla.—Every Saturday in Carpenters' hall, 1712 Franklin st. Pres., John F. Vaughan, 904 Twigg st.; R. S., Geo. Bartholamew, 613 7th Ave.; F. S., David H. Starr, cor. Madison st.

\*No. 109, Rock Island, Ill.—1st and 3d Tuesdays in Industrial Home Bldg., 3d Ave and 21st st. Pres., J. T. Marron, 1408 5th ave.; R. S., J. J. Murphy, Lock Box 328 or 1322 6th ave.; F. S., W. C. Bloom, 318 W. Third st., Davenport, Ia.

\*No. 110, Pensacola, Fla.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Trades Council hall, 23 W. Government st. Pres., P. R. Pearl, Gen'l Delivery; R. S., A. L. Stanley, care of "News"; F. S., A. Hearn, So. Tel. & Tel. Co.

\*No. 111, Montreal, Can.—2d and 4th Thursday in St. Josephs hall, cor. St. Catherine and St. Elizabeth st. Pres., T. B. Trafford; 258 a. Bleury st.; R. S., J. C. Green, 41 St. Monique st.; F. S., A. Courchene, 601 Rivard st.

\*No. 112, Watertown, N. Y.—Pres., H. C. Bundy, 2 Center st.; F. S., R. M. Richardson, 19 Mundy st.

\*No. 113, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays. Pres., Frank Karns; R. S., J. E. Jeanne; F. S., A. Peters, Manitou.

\*No. 114, Toronto, Can.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Richmond hall, Richmond st. W. Pres., H. J. Hurd, 670 E. Queen st. E.; R. S., Ken. A. McRae, 166 Argyle st.; F. S., Thos. B. Eaton, 267 W. Queen st.

\*No. 115, Austin, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in Carpenter's Union Hall, over 706 Cong. ave. Pres., Wm Manpatis 8 7-W. 12th st.; R. S., B. F. McKaughan, 1504 Sabine st.; F. S., B. F. McDonald, 200 E. 16th st.

\*No. 116, Columbus, Ga.—F. S., C. B. Young, Jr., Southern Bell Tel. Co.

\*No. 117, Paducah, Ky.—Every Saturday night, Rodius Hall, South 3d st. Pres., H. G. Meyers, 220 S. 4th st.; R. S., Oney May, 13th and Brody; F. S., Jesse L. Hall, 220 S. 4th st.

\*No. 118, Dayton, O.—Meets every Monday in Room 34, Davies' Bldg., cor. Fourth and Main sts.; F. S., D. P. Albright, room 51, Louis block.

\*No. 119, Newport News, Va.—Every Wednesday in Patterson hall, Washington ave. and 32d st. Pres., Geo. Cross, 323 4th st.; R. S., R. H. Eyes, 220 35th st.; F. S., F. F. Hodges, 3403 Lafayette ave.

\*No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Labor Hall, cor. Dufferin ave. and Maitland st. Pres., Wm. Cook; F. S., A. Aljorin, 62 Dundas st.

\*No. 121, Denver, Col.—Meets every Monday night in Club Bldg., Arapahoe st., between 17th and 18th. Pres., James A. Reed, 1355 Santa Fe ave.; R. S., A. McMullin, 2921 Curtis st.; F. S., Frank Curriegan.

\*No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Meets every Thursday in Vaughn Hall, Central ave. Pres., L. E. Woodworth, B. & M. Smelter; R. S., M. Potee, 610 2d Ave S.; F. S., S. C. Swartz, 11 Cobb Bldg.

\*No. 123, Louisville, Ky.

\*No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Cooks' and Waiters' Hall 23d st., bet. Market and Mechain sts. Pres., O. Lorenzo, 1606 13d st.; R. S., E. A. Schottis, 1914 35th st.; F. S., G. L. Garrett, 3505 Pk.

\*No. 125, Portland, Ore.—R. S., W. R. Castleman, 272 Montgomery st.

\*No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Trades Council Hall, Markham and Main sts. Pres., A. D. McConnell, 1212 Battery st.; R. S., E. G. Ferrell, 811 La. st.; F. S., R. L. Crutchfield, 811 La. st.

\*No. 127, Battle Creek, Mich.—Every Friday. Pres., A. J. Bowers; R. S., R. Fellows; F. S., Don Cole, Citizens Elect. Co.

\*No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets every Monday in Miller's Hall, Second and Piassa sts. Pres., Edgar Rice, Second and Albany sts.; R. S. and F. S., Geo. E. Burton, Second and Albany sts.

\*No. 129, St. Joseph, Mo.—Meets every Saturday at 215 1/2 So. 6th st., Room 5, 2d floor. Pres., R. C. Hughes, Columbia Elect. Co.; F. S., Fred Miller, 215 1/2 So. 6th st.; F. S., E. McComac, 217 So. 6th st.

\*No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in P. O. S. A. Hall, Carondelet st., near Perdido. Pres., Thomas G. Ziegler, 623 Dryades st.; R. S., J. J. Cahill, 314 Poydras st.; F. S., Geo. W. Kerdahl, Jr., 2230 First st.

\*No. 131, Columbia, S. C.—Pres., P. G. Loomis; R. S., J. H. Werne; F. S., F. D. Cooper.

\*No. 132, Schenectady, N. Y.—Meets 1st and 3d Fridays in Trades Assembly Hall, 269 State st. Pres., G. Preston; R. S., W. S. Kline, 1129 State st.; F. S., C. A. Knight, 208 Clinton st.

\*No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednesday night at 252 Beaubien st. Pres., F. A. Wallon, 170 Gd. River ave.; R. S., J. A. Sherratt, 295 W. Canfield ave.; F. S., Geo. H. Jacob, 68 E. Milwaukee ave.

\*No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday night at 187 E. Washington st. Pres., C. A. Rod, 4733 State st.; R. S., O. M. George, 2056 Gladys ave.; F. S., F. J. Wemple, 5802 Union ave.

\*No. 135, Trenton, N. J.—Meets every Saturday in Polk Bldg., cor. Truap and Broad sts., 4th floor. Pres., E. M. Anderson, 232 Mercer st.; R. S., F. L. Morris, 223 N. Broad st.; F. S., N. Mountford, 20 Poplar st.

\*No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Saturday in Ero of Loco Engineers' Hall, 210 1/2 19th st. N., cor. 2d Alley. Pres., John S. Lewis, Box 54; R. S., J. A. Poe, Ensley, Ala.; F. S., E. A. Woodworth, Ensley, Ala.

\*No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Every Sunday in Labor Temple, Pearl and Beaver sts. Pres., Edward J. Landy, 80 Tricity pl.; R. S., Harry L. Kings, 107 So. Hawk st.; F. S., L. Cummings, 8 Franklin st.

\*No. 138, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Meets every Thursday, Berry st., 3d floor. Pres., H. C. Eckels, 55 Riverside ave.; R. S., H. E. Wineland, 56 Wagner st.; F. S., C. O. Lohouse, 4 E. 5th st.

\*No. 139, Shreveport, La.—Meets every Friday at Labor Council Hall, cor. Milan and Market sts. Pres., A. Uhl, 517 Edward st.; R. S., Frank Lawrence, Texas ave.; F. S., J. E. Elliott, 1011 Spring st.

\*No. 140, Lansing, Mich.—Pres., D. C. Morey, City Lighting Plant; R. S., Wm. Gilmore, Hotel Wentworth; F. S., E. S. Giles, 520 Kalamazoo st.

\*No. 141, Pittsburg, Kan.—Pres., T. Cole; R. S., Paul Mattingly, 510 N. Woodland ave.; F. S., L. Eisenman.

\*No. 143, Conneaut, O.—Pres., E. J. Ryan; R. S., J. A. Moore; F. S., M. W. Hill.

\*No. 144, Wichita, Kan.—Pres., C. W. Stimson, 209 N. Main st.; R. S., Geo. P. Tomlinson, Winfield, Kan.; F. S., J. W. Taylor, 170 W. Market st.

\*No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.—Every Wednesday in Engineers' Hall, Washington and Franklin aves. on Genesee ave. Pres., F. D. Horton, 328 N. 2d st.; R. S., A. M. Southerland, 328 N. 2d st.; F. S., J. A. Irwin, Marshall House.



\*No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.—Every Friday in Sons of Veterans' Hall, 935 Main st. Pres., John Holtz, 595 Noble ave.; R. S., R. W. Dyer, 526 Warren st.; F. S., J. F. Pelau, Golden Hill Hotel.

\*No. 147, Anderson, Ind.—2d and 4th Fridays in Cook's Hall, Main and 12th sts. Pres., Jno Massey, 1404 Mad. ave.; R. S., F. W. Eckert, 820 Jackson st.; F. S., H. B. Cecil, 1303 Meridian st.

\*No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Every Saturday in E. of P. Hall, 425 12th st. N. W. Pres., Phil Deffer, 305 10th st. S. W.; R. S., M. E. Brandenburg, 517 11th st. S. W.; F. S., H. J. Wright, 822 4½ st. S. W.

\*No. 149, Aurora, Ill.—First Wednesday of month in Forsters Hall, N. River st. Pres., E. B. Chapman, 441 South st.; R. S., L. M. Frenier, 195 South Spencer st.; F. S., J. E. Millhouse, 23 Broadway.

\*No. 150, Bay City, Mich.—2d and 4th Tuesdays in A. O. U. W. Hall, cor. Center and Adams sts. Pres., Chas. Crampton, 309 Eleven st.; R. S., W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay Co., Mich.; F. S., J. M. Ferguson, 614 Adams st.

\*No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Every Monday, Hall 10, 102 O'Farrell st.; R. S., M. C. Burger, F. S., J. S. Barnes.

\*No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—Pres., Jas. Runkle, 513 National ave.; F. S., P. C. Ravenhill, 222 W. 5th st.

\*No. 153, Galveston, Tex.

\*No. 154, Cleveland, O.

\*No. 155, Troy, N. Y.

\*No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.—1st and 3d Wednesdays in Trades Assembly Hall, cor. Houston and 7th sts. Pres., Lee Stephens, Lamar st.; R. S., O. S. Haw, Ft. Worth Street Car Co.; F. S., C. F. Crabtree, 713 Samuels ave.

### THE WIRE FIXIN' CHAP.

We were all at Red Mike's lickin' joint, one evenin' in May,

Swapin' yarns, and tellin' stories, an' some at poker play,

Red were mixin' of a shandy gaff (beer and ginger fizz).

I recollec' the crowd were large, he doin' a big biz.

At a table in one corner six or eight were playing stud,

Bowie Pete were dealin', his eyes were shot with blood,

And a game of draw were goin' on about six feet away

Which was mighty interesting, cause it cost somewhat to stay.

Two bits a white, five plunks a red, and yellows cost ten straight,

With jack pots every seventh deal, 'n' lickin' every eighth.

I mind me who were in the game as if 'twere yesterday

A seein' I were dealin' every time it came my way.

Well, the kerds were out for the third jack pot, if I remember right,

An' appertainin' to my hand three aces hove in sight.

Well, Toothless Bob he had two pair, jacks up, I reckon, high,

He busted it for twenty reds and heaved a weary sigh.

A tenderfute from Poker Flat, he sot across from me.

He held a bobtail jewelry flush, 'twas plain as day ter see,

"He 'lowed he'd raise Bob twenty reds, just to see 'em fail."

I reckoned my three aces were not in the game at all.

Say! 'twere gettin' right smart warm in there, 'n' Bob began to sweat,

And me with them three aces—as hadn't a chance to bet.

There were two sharks from Rocky Crick atween me an' the pot,

One fell out with two duces, an' tother reckoned it were too hot.

Well, I see them reds from Poker Flat an' boosted her some more,

An' Toothless Bob from Lone Pine Camp laid down, an' cussed an' swore.

We named our wants, and I took two, Tenderfute took one,

He'd got the king of diamonds, making just the proper sum.

I see he'd filled his flush by the smile upon his face;

As I squinted at my pasteboards I knew I'd got another ace.

Consequently bettin' started with the man from Poker Flat,

He held the aige, of course, being next to where Bob sat.

I jist were goin' to whoop her up, it bein' the proper caper,

When a man came tearin' in the room, a holdin' of a paper.

"Come on, come on," he shouted out, "come every son of a gun;

The Rose O'Grady's busted in, there's work for every one."

Yer see the shaft he mentioned were a daisy from the start;

Heaps of dust and nuggets, some as big as a critter's heart,

Were lifted out the day afore, about the seventh level;

The lucky miner worked at night, jist ter tempt the devil.

Some temporary shorein' up had caved at the aforementioned number,

And covered up some miner lads under the rock and lunber.

We dropped the game and dusted to the Rose O'Grady dump;

The self-constituted fire fellows dragging the old hand pump.

Yer see, it don't take more 'n a week to spread calamities so awful,

An' each an' all grabbed somethin', whatever he thought lawful.

There is no tellin' what were needful in case of accident, So with a jug of Red Mike's forty rod I started beilily bent.

A telegraf pole climber came a runnin' with the crowd,

He tuck a coil of rope, "It might be needed," he allowed.

Bein' pretty well pervided for we headed fer the south

And soon we congregated round the Rose O'Grady's mouth.

"I wonder if ther living yet," wuz passed from fur and near;

"Some one must get to 'em," so we called for a volluntere.

Then this wire fixin' chap spoke up: said he, "I'm your huckleberry,

Jest tie rope under my arms, I'll have hooks on in a hurry."

We helped him to the bottom by a tyin' on more rope,

And prayin' fer the miner lads, but hopin' against hope.

But amongst the cavin' rocks and tailing, trecherous dirt

He tied the rope on all of 'em so badly bruised and hurt.

We never shall forget the lad who shinned poles fer a livin'.

An' here's hopin' he'll climb the golden stairs and get a seat in heaven.

An' any wire fixin' chap whoever comes this way

Can own the camp o' Sandy Gulch ferever and a day.

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